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THE

SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

A. D. 1900.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church, Geneva, October 16th, A. D. 1900, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. James H. Robinson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Otsego, on Hebrews xiii, 8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."

The Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
William Durant, D. D.,	James H. Pratt,
William F. Whitaker, D. D.,	Edgar C. Leonard,
Charles A. Richmond,	Walter McEwan.
John J. Lawrence,	
Arthur M. Smith,	
Edward J. Abbott,	
Charles McKenzie	

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Peter R. Ross, D. D.,	Eugene West,
A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D.,	Sidney H. Latham,
Frederick Perkins,	Henry C. Knight,
George Douglass Young,	Hon Aaron P. Storrs.
Selden L. Haynes.	

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., (2)	James Frame.
Charles J. Cameron (2).	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Donald McLaren, D. D., (2),	Charles B. Pearson,
John P. Dawson,	Richard D. Dodge,
Thomas W. Campbell,	William Johnston,
John G. Hehr,	William McCarroll,
Robert H. Carson,	James M. Ham (2),
Harvey S. Murdoch,	James K. Campbell,
Samuel G. Palmer (2),	William C. Kellogg.
Arthur H. Rennie.	

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO

Henry Ward, D. D.,	Charles S. Cadwallader,
Samuel T. Clarke (2),	Horace Briggs,
Edwin H. Dickinson, D. D.,	Melvin Montgomery,
Edward M. Sharp,	William H. Hart,
Frank B. Carlton,	Henry Lapp, M. D.,
John D. Campbell,	Charles S. Butler, M. D,
Charles E. Rhodes,	
John A. Black.	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

William H. Hubbard,	William J. Donovan,
George B. Stewart, D. D. (2),	John Y. Davis,
J. Wilson Brainard,	Samuel G. Fessenden,
Tracy B. Griswold (2),	James G. Hamilton.
Hedley A. Vicker.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Samuel R. Bigger,
John A. McIntosh,
William Tatlock (2).

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Joseph E. Tinker (2),	John C. Fisher, M. D.,
Louis F. Ruf,	Clarence T. Mabee,
John Knox,	William E. Farr.
Hiram S. Bacon.	

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Henry M. Dodd.	William Hitchcock (2).

XI. PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

James A. Anderson,	Harwood A. Dudley (2).
John M. Boggs, D. D.,	
William S. Crane.	

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

N. Beall Remick, D. D.,	Thompson C. Maxwell,
Erwin C. Hull (2),	Eli A. Bronson,
William S. Carter,	Herman A. Carmer (2),
William W. Weller.	James M. Garrison.

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Charles Beattie, D. D.,	Clarence G. Seward,
Robert H. Craig, LL. D.,	George Mitchell (2),
Robert H. McCready, Ph. D.,	Edward F. Pierson,
John H. Thompson,	George H. King,
Robert B. Perine,	J. Harvey Hanford (2).
Louis O. Rotenbach.	

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

William H. Littell,	George H. Howard,
James M. Denton,	Edward H. Foster.
Egbert C. Lawrence, Ph. D.	

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Halsey B. Stevenson,	Albert P. Bennett,
Angus H. Cameron,	Crain A. Moore, M. D.,
Charles T. Shaw.	William H. Kent.

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Ministers. *Ruling Elders.*

John D. Long,
Albert L. Mershon,
Samuel H. Seem.

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

Alexander W. Sproull, D. D.,
George Nixon,
Daniel S. Gregory, D.D., LL. D.,
Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., LL. D.,
Alexander J. Kerr,
David G. Wylie, D. D.,
Henry M. Tyndall,
John Balcom Shaw, D. D.,
Milton S. Littlefield,
P. Butler Thompkins (2).

Henry W. Jessup (3),
Thomas Cochrane,
James Yereance,
William Irwin (2),
J. Wilford Allen, M. D. (2),
Kiliaen Van Rensselaer,
Frederick Blume,
James Martin,
John H. MacDonald.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

John C. Mechlin,
Benjamin M. Nyce,
Samuel F. Sharp,
Edwin D. Hardin.

Ira B. Cary,
Augustus J. Hathaway,
Christopher M. Young.

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

Claire H. Denman, M. D. (2).

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Jeremiah Searle,
George H. Wallace,
William P. Swartz,
Plato T. Jones,
Robert J. Diven.

John I. Platt,
Carroll D. Parry,
Henry V. D. Reed,
George P. DuBois.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

James H. Robinson, D. D.,
Frank E. Van Wie.

Richard H. Suttle.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Levi Parsons, D. D.,
Hiram H. Kellogg,
John McColl, D. D.,

John C. Houck,
Hugh R. McNair,
B. Kennedy Williams (3),

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Peter Lindsay, D. D.,	Harvey B. Graves (3),
Gerard B. F. Hallock, D. D.,	Horace A. Metcalf,
George C. Frost,	William F. Parry (2).
Richard D. Harlan,	
Dorland N. Morden,	
Harry H. Barstow.	

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,	Henry P. Cheeseman,
Frank W. Townsend,	Frank G. Goodale.
Daniel A Ferguson,	
William H. Niles,	
W. Courtland Robinson.	

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Evan R. Evans, Ph D,	Edwin I. Stevens,
Albert R. Crawford,	Walter J. Amsden.
Jay F. Robinson (2),	
Alfred F. Pratt.	

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

Allan D. Draper,	J. Edward Davis,
Fountain R Farrand (2),	D. Burr Giddings,
William L. Sawtelle,	John T. Roberts.
J. Herbert MacConnell,	
Edward M. Scheirer.	

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

William M. Johnson, D. D.,	Martin L. Griffin,
Hector Hall, D. D. (2),	Alexander M. Sherman (2),
Donald MacGregor,	William H. Hollister, Jr.,
George Fairlee,	Henry Aird,
Charles E MacGinness, Ph. D.,	Rollin E Bascom,
Charles W. Blake.	Edward Eckardt.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Oliver A. Kingsbury,	Seth K. Blair,
Charles S. Richardson, D. D. (2),	Eddy C. Shumway,
Arthur S. Hoyt, D. D. (2),	Edward H. Wells (3).
Charles S. Barrett.	

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
George F. Pentecost, D. D.,	Sanford R. Knapp,
Oliver S. Dean, D. D.,	Ralph E. Prime, LL. D.,
Irving E. White,	George W. Banks,
Thomas C. Straus,	Ransom E. Wilcox,
Arthur Requa (2),	Edward S. Folsom.
George R. Cutting,	
John A. Ingham,	
Alvah G. Fessenden.	

The REV. DAVID G. Wylie, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, was elected Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

The REV. DANIEL A. FERGUSON, of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, and the REV. LOUIS F. RUF, of the Presbytery of Chemung, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The REV. WILLIAM W. WELLER Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Synod, and reported the recommendations agreed upon by the Committee of Arrangements and the Committee of the Synodical Congress, which were adopted as follows:

Wednesday, 10 A. M.: Conference on the deepening of the spiritual life, to be led by Rev. George B Stewart, D. D.

At 11 A. M., the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the service to be conducted by Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D. D., and Rev. John J. Lawrence, assisted by Ruling Elders Stephen W. Hopkins, J. E. Hale, Eli A. Bronson, David H. Henry, James Yereance, Clarence G. Seward, Ralph E. Prime, Charles S. Butler, William H. Hollister, Jr., Augustus J. Hathaway, Seth K. Blair and James K. Campbell.

At 2 P. M., Church Erection; Report by Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., and address by Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., Secretary of the Board.

At 2:20 P. M., Publication and Sabbath School work; Address by Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D.

At 2:40 P. M., Aid for Colleges and Academies; Address by Rev. Calvin H. French, D. D.

At 3 P. M., Young People's Associations; Report by Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., and address by Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D.

At 3:30 P. M., Ministerial Relief; Report by Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., and address by Dr. Whitman H. Jordan.

At 4 P. M., Ministerial Education ; Report by Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, D. D., and address by Rev. Charles Wadsworth, Jr., D. D.

At 4:30 P. M., Missions for Freedmen ; Report by Rev. Samuel T. Clarke, and address by Rev. Daniel J. Sanders, D. D., President of Biddle University.

At 7:30 P. M., in the North Church, Home Missions ; Report by Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, and address by Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., Secretary of the Board, and

At 8:30 P. M., Foreign Missions ; Report by Rev. J. Balcom Shaw, D. D., and address by Mr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board.

Thursday, 9:30 A. M., Synodical Missions ; Report by Rev. Richard D. Harlan ; addresses by Rev. William F. Whitaker, D. D., and Elder Henry W. Jessup.

At 7:30 P. M., Systematic Beneficence ; Report by Rev. Charles A. Richmond, and address by Rev. George F. Pentecost, D. D.

At 9 P. M., a Reception to delegates and to the ladies of the Synodical Society, in the parlors of the First Church.

The daily sessions to be from half-past eight o'clock A. M. until twelve, and from two P. M. until five ; the morning prayer meeting on Wednesday to be conducted by Rev. William P. Swartz, and on Thursday by Rev. Charles S. Richardson, D. D.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint a Committee of three to nominate a Treasurer of Synodical Missions and five Elders to serve as members of the Permanent Committee ; also a Committee of five to nominate the Permanent Committees of the Synod, other than the Committee on Synodical Missions, in accordance with the Standing Rule.

Adjourned until Wednesday at half-past eight o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 8.30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 2) were reported as being present.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the REV. GEORGE F. PENTECOST, D. D., as Vice-Moderator, and also the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—James H. Robinson, L. Merrill Miller, William Durant, John P. Dawson, Henry Ward, William H. Hubbard, John A. McIntosh, William S. Carter, Egbert C. Lawrence.

Elders—Thomas Cochrane, William H. Hollister, Jr., D. Burr Giddings, Sanford R. Knapp, James Frame, William McCarroll, Charles S. Butler, William J. Donovan.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

Ministers—Levi Parsons, William M. Johnson, Charles Beattie, A. Cameron MacKenzie, John J. Lawrence, Robert H. Carson, Henry M. Dodd, John D. Long, Alexander J. Kerr.

Elders—Ralph E. Prime, John I. Platt, Thompson C. Maxwell, Clarence G. Seward, William H. Kent, Hugh R. McNair, Frank G. Goodale, Henry V. D. Reed.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Ministers—William F. Whitaker, George Nixon, John C. Mechlin.

Elders—Ransom E. Wilcox, Edward F. Pierson.

4. FINANCE:

Elders—James Yereance, Eli A. Bronson, Edward H. Foster, James G. Hamilton, George P. DuBois.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ministers—William P. Swartz, Oliver A. Kingsbury, John D. Campbell, James M. Boggs, George Fairlee.

Elders—George W. Banks, James M. Garrison, Walter J. Amsden, Augustus J. Hathaway.

6. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO COLLEGES, ETC.:

Ministers—N. Beall Remick, Daniel S. Gregory, James A. Anderson, Benjamin M. Nyce, Angus M. Cameron.

Elders—Horace Briggs, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Walter McEwan, Aaron P. Storrs.

7. NOMINATION OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

Ministers—Robert H. McCready, W. Courtland Robinson, Arthur M. Smith, J. Wilson Brainard, Edward M. Sharp, Milton S. Littlefield, Louis O. Rotenbach.

Elders—Charles S. Cadwallader, Samuel C. Fessenden, Ira B. Carey, William E. Farr.

8. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD, ETC.:

Ministers—Peter Lindsay, Charles Cuthbert Hall, Edwin H. Dickinson, William H. Littell, Peter R. Ross.

Elders—Henry C. Knight, Charles B. Pierson, Frederick Blume, Melvin Montgomery.

9. TO COLLATE THE REPORTS ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

Ministers—Thomas C. Straus, Jeremiah Searle, Oliver S. Dean, Donald MacGregor.

Elders—John H. MacDonald, Sidney H. Latham, Seth K. Blair.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—John A. Ingham, Charles S. Barrett. *Elder*—Ransom E. Wilcox.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—Irving E. White, Oliver A. Kingsbury. *Elder*—Eddy C. Shumway.

3. BOSTON: *Ministers*—Edward J. Abbott, Selden L. Haynes. *Elder*—Edgar C. Leonard.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—Peter R. Ross, Frederick Perkins. *Elder*—James H. Pratt.

5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—Alvah G. Fessenden, Hedley A. Vicker. *Elder*—Sidney H. Latham.

6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—Thomas W. Campbell, John G. Hehr. *Elder*—Aaron P. Storrs.

7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—Arthur H. Rennie, John A. Black *Elder*—William Johnston.

8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—Charles E. Rhodes, Harvey S Murdoch. *Elder*—Richard D. Dodge.

9. CHILE: [No. Records].

10. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—George Fairlee, Frank B Carlton. *Elder*—William C. Kellogg.

11. EASTERN PERSIA: *Ministers*—Claire H. Denman, George R. Cutting. *Elder*—William F. Parry.

12. GENESEE: *Ministers*—Samuel R. Bigger, Hiram D. Bacon. *Elder*—John C. Fisher.

13. GENEVA: *Ministers*—Hiram H. Kellogg, William S. Crane. *Elder*—William H. Kent.

14. HUDSON: *Ministers*—J. Wilson Brainard, James M. Denton. *Elder*—William H. Hart.

15. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—Allen D. Draper, Charles F. Shaw. *Elder*—George H. King.

16. LYONS: *Ministers*—Robert B. Perine, Albert S. Mershon. *Elder*—Clarence T. Mabee.

17. NASSAU: *Ministers*—Halsey B. Stevenson, Edwin D. Hardin. *Elder*—Albert P. Bennett.

18. NEW YORK: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, John D. Long. *Elder*—Christopher M. Young.

19. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—Samuel H. Seem, Milton S. Littlefield. *Elder*—James Martin.

20. NORTH LAOS: *Ministers*—Joseph E. Tinker, Henry Ward. *Elder*—William J. Donovan.

21. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Henry M. Tyndall, Charles F. Shaw. *Elder*—Crain A. Moore.

22. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—Samuel F. Sharp, Robert J. Diven. *Elder*—Carroll D. Parry.

23. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—Plato T. Jones, Frank E. Van Wie. *Elder*—Richard H. Suttle.

24. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—Gerard B. F. Hallock, Dorland N. Morden. *Elder*—Edwin J. Stevens.

25. SIAM: [No Records].

26. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—Edward M. Scheirer, George H. Wallace. *Elder*—J. Edward Davis.

27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—Charles E. MacGinness, Louis O. Rotenbach. *Elder*—Henry Lapp.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—George C. Frost, J. Herbert MacConnell. *Elder*—Horace A. Metcalf.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—Frank W. Townsend, Albert R. Crawford. *Elder*—Henry Aird.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—William H. Niles, Harry H. Barstow. *Elder*—Henry P. Cheeseman.

The Rev. Messrs. William F. Whitaker and James H. Robinson, and Elder Ralph E. Prime, were appointed the committee to nominate a treasurer of Synodical Missions, and five elders to serve on the permanent committee.

The Rev. Messrs. George F. Pentecost, Edwin H. Dickinson and William L. Sawtelle, and Elders James Yereance and Frank E. Goodale, were appointed the committee to nominate the permanent committees of the Synod.

Overtures and other documents, and the Records of the Presbyteries, were called for.

The Committee appointed last year to secure legislation for the suppression of pugilistic contests presented the following report, which was accepted, and the Committee was discharged:

With a single exception every member of the Committee gave himself to the work assigned to it. We secured the co-operation of representatives of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Reformed (Dutch) Churches. We desire especially to record our appreciation of the valuable services of Rev. Madison C. Peters, then of the Reformed and since of the Baptist Church. The desired end was sought by many citizens and by many organizations all over the State. The result of all the efforts is that the blot upon the Statute books of the State of New York—the act permitting pugilistic contests under the guise of athletic exhibitions—has been repealed, and since the first day of September, 1900, those things which so disgraced the State and the time in which we live, have been unlawful.

The Committee on the "Religious Corporations Act" presented the following report, which was accepted, and the Committee was discharged:

The Committee appointed in 1898, to procure an amendment to the general law of the State of New York known as the Religious Corporations Act, to the end that all question might be removed as to whether that Act author-

ized interference with the spiritual matters of a Presbyterian Church, with the calling or dismissal of a minister, the fixing or changing of his salary, the calling or conducting of a meeting therefor, or matters of worship in the Church, begs leave to report :

Your Committee has procured the enactment, to the end desired, of two additional sections to the Act of 1895, entitled "an Act in relation to Religious Corporations," which sections restore to the law provisions which at the request of this Synod were previously inserted in the law as a part of an existing section, and subsequently, at the same session of the Legislature, stricken out in the further amending of that section. The language of the new sections is as follows :

§ 20. Calling of a minister, and so forth.—No provision of this Act authorizes the calling, settlement, dismissal or removal of a minister, or the fixing or changing of his salary, and a meeting of a church corporation for any such purpose shall be called, held, moderated, conducted, governed and notice of such meeting given and person to preside thereat ascertained, and the qualification of voters thereat determined, not as required by any provision of this Act, but only according to the aforesaid laws and regulations, practice, discipline, rules and usages of the religious denomination or ecclesiastical governing body, if any, with which the church corporation is connected.

§ 21. Worship.—No provision of this Act authorizes the fixing or changing of the times, nature or order of public or social or other worship of any church, in any other manner or by any other authority than in the manner and by the authority provided in the laws, regulations, practice, discipline, rules and usages of the religious denomination or ecclesiastical governing body, if any, with which the church corporation is connectod.

§ 22. The preceding sections, numbers twenty and twenty-one, are not applicable to a Baptist church, a Congregational church, or to any other religious corporation having a congregational form of government.

These words, contained in sections by themselves, we trust are free from the possibility of again being lost through any further amendments at the request of other denominations amending sections in which they are interested, while not being interested in these.

The Rev. Albert A. Fulton, of the Synod of China, Central and Southern, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A Conference on the deepening of the spiritual life was held, the Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D., presiding.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered according to the arrangement.

The Rev. John Fox, D. D., one of the Secretaries, addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Bible Society.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The following action was taken:

Whereas, The Rev. L. Merrill Miller, D. D., will complete, in May next, his fiftieth year as pastor of the First Church of Ogdensburg, and in view of the fact that he has been Moderator of the Synod and for many years closely associated with its work,

Resolved, That the Synod extends its congratulations to Dr. Miller, and appoints the Rev. Messrs. Levi Parsons, James H. Robinson and David G. Wylie a Committee to represent the Synod at such services as may be arranged for.

The following Committee was appointed to revise the Standing Rules of the Synod: Elder Ralph E. Prime, the Rev. Messrs. L. Merrill Miller, T. Ralston Smith, and Alexander W. Sproull, and Elder William H. Hollister, Jr.

The Permanent Committee on Church Erection presented the following report, which was accepted, and the Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., Secretary of the Board, addressed the Synod:

One of the first steps of the Missionary Church of all ages, has been to provide a gathering place for converts, as a visible symbol of the Divine presence. The structures have generally indicated the characteristics of the worshippers. The simple and severe meeting houses of the Puritans in New England, and of the Huguenots in South Carolina, or the more massive and ornate structures of the Cavaliers in Virginia, were erected as the result of "determination," such as Solomon felt, in obedience to the revelation of God, to arise and "build a house to the name of the Lord."

Fifty-six years ago the Old School Branch of our Church felt the need of a distinct Board which should have entire charge of this work. This was the beginning of a movement which, sixteen years later, was introduced into the New School Branch, and in 1870 became a strong feature in the reunited Church.

During these fifty-six years, 6,697 Churches have been aided, and $4,034,058 expended in grants and loans. In 1899–1900, 242 Churches have been aided to the amount of $161,222, an advance over last year of nearly 50 per cent. Whatever we may think of national expansion, we are a unit in favor of Church expansion, as a prophecy of the conquering Kingdom of our Lord. No more hopeful and encouraging feature of this expansion can be cited than the work of this Board.

The number of applications last year to the *General Fund* was 149, asking for $89,687, an advance over the previous year of 26 per cent. in number and 49 per cent. in amount, all but $5,000 of which was actually granted to 144 Churches scattered through thirty-five States and Territories over 4,000 miles in extent.

The Manse Fund shows a still greater advance: 76 out of 79 applications were granted to the amount of $30,900, an increase over last year of more that 100 per cent., and 50 per cent. more than in any year since the fund was established. This fund, which was wisely endowed in 1885, shows the broad sympathy and alert foresight of the Christian women who organized it. It has already proved itself a decided success, and has a splendid future before it.

The Loan Fund has granted the past year to ten churches, $28,050, an advance upon last year of three churches and $4,550. This fund has been especially helpful to struggling but not necessarily feeble churches which are able to raise a large part of the money themselves, and expect soon to repay.

The summary for the year in loans, grants and special gifts includes 249 churches receiving $143,339.

The total receipts of the year from churches, Sunday schools, legacies, insurance, plans, interest, etc., are $157,525.83, leaving a small balance in the treasury. Of this amount the churches of this Synod have contributed $12,450.13. We trust that the advance of the past year may be the beginning of a broader expansion along all the lines which the Board pursues.

This may demand untried forms of effort which will call for larger expenditures. Never was the call louder for consecrated gifts and lives, and never were the possibilities and rewards as great.

It may be some time before we can report with the Methodist Church the erection of three new churches for every day in the year, but we may hope, and should seek, to erect one church for every day of the 365. We can see to it that this important fund to assist struggling churches be largely increased, that none be turned away empty. We should see to it that a manse be erected by every church where there is an inadequate salary, and that certain necessary articles of furniture be placed within it. Our motto, as a Synod, must be "Forward." Stagnation is death. Next to a dying church, and a sure sign of her decay, is the disgrace of failing to do one's part in this work of God.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work presented the following report which was accepted, and after an address by Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, the recommendations were adopted:

It has been the custom in Synods and Assemblies to give little attention to the work of this Board. It has been thought to be a business affair, having no picturesqueness or general features of interest. But to-day it means to be heard. And if we can have the attention of the Synod, we shall show features of interest unexcelled by the work of any of our Boards.

We are not a mere business organization. We are at work and dead in earnest, too, out on the field. It is true we have a business department, which publishes books. It is well run. The profit this year is $25,000. But listen! About $17,000 of these profits have been turned over to our Missionary work. We are not only a business corporation; we are engaged in establishing Sabbath Schools, in sending out Colporteurs. In short, we

are doing the scouting work, by preparing the way for the Church. Our missionaries, in 32 States and Territories, have last year planted 836 new Sunday Schools, and reorganized 320. These schools have nearly 40,000 scholars. Does this work pay? There are now in existence 3,796 schools we have organized, and out of our schools 459 churches have grown. Our 79 missionaries have made an average of 1,000 visits each, and distributed two million pages of tracts and over 4,000 Bibles. They have made 13,000 addresses and report 1,500 conversions. There is no work of the Church which pays better or tells more splendidly for the Kingdom of Christ.

This Board, too, began two years ago, what was called the "Twentieth Century Movement:" viz., to get a half million new scholars by 1901. Already 441,000 have been secured; and if all Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents will help the movement, the entire half million can be obtained. Our work among the Mountain Whites, among the Freedmen, across the Mississippi, and in Cuba has been a splendid work for Christ and His Church.

What do we want? We want your interest. We want you to know us, to believe in us, to help us. The $103,000 which the church at large gave our Board last year we want increased. We have calls to put 45 men Missionaries in the field. Will you give us the funds to do it? No braver, more self-denying men are in the service of the Church than our Missionaries. They are on the frontier, in Cuba, in the Mountains of Kentucky, always at the front, amid discomforts, hardships and sometimes perils. It is due to them that many absolutely destitute places get the Gospel. They stir up old but lapsed Christians. A Sunday School is started. The old, religious life begins to flame in many old hearts, and to burn in young hearts which never heard before of Jesus.

Does it pay? It pays a thousand fold. It makes better citizens, reclaims every day many wayward and backsliding disciples, and plants the seeds of truth in many a child's heart. It is work at the front, strategic and all important.

Brethren, will you give it your heartiest support; 1. By using the Board Publications? Our new Hymnal confessedly leads all others. Our young people's paper "Forward" is the best in the field. Our lesson helps and other papers are unsurpassed. 2. By taking up the Twentieth Century movement and pushing hard to bring a half million new scholars into the schools? 3. By prayer for our Missionaries? 4. By increased gifts to our treasury? It is recommended:

1. That special attention be called to the Twentieth Century Movement and that the officers of our schools be urged to push it.

2. That attention be called to the Home Department, as a means of uniting all the members of our Congregations in the study of the word.

3. That the Ministers of our Synod be asked to inform their congregations, as to the value, to the Church, to our country, and to the Kingdom of God, of Sabbath School missions, as carried on by our Board.

4. That all our people be requested to follow the recommendations of successive Assemblies, and make an offering to this object from both Church and Sabbath School.

The Permanent Committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies presented an informal report, which was accepted, and the Synod was addressed on the subject by Rev. Calvin H. French, D D.

The Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., the recommendations were adopted :

In the 825 churches of our Synod there are 743 Senior and 431 Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor, a loss of five senior societies during the year and a gain of eight junior societies. The 82 remaining churches, probably most of them, have their young people organized as Westminster Leagues, Mission Bands, etc. It is also a fact that most of these churches are very small, in some cases barely maintaining an existence.

The members of the 743 Endeavor Societies number about 55,000, a slight gain over last year. Of the additions to the church last year, on confession, 6,500 were from our young people's societies.

In gifts to benevolent objects reports from 17 Presbyteries show a gain, and from 9 a loss. The total gifts approximate $25,000. Of this sum $10,600 was given to Home Missions, and the rest to other objects, especially to the Boards of Foreign Missions and Freedmen.

These statistics, meagre as they are, reveal the great power and the greater possibilities for good of the young people of our Synod. We recognize the loyalty of our young people to their own church ; their generous support of her missionary work ; their evangelical spirit, and their increasing devotion to Christ.

Yet the reports show, what almost all of us realize, that the Christian Endeavor Societies have reached a crisis. Neither growth in numbers, nor growth in spirituality, is as marked as a few years ago. Some say that the novelty has worn off ; others, that there is sore need of a wise culling out of the older growth and more encouragement to really young people ; still others, that there is a general spiritual depression in our churches. Whatever the reason, pastors, sessions and older members of the church should immediately give sympathetic, wise, and practical attention to our young people and their societies. It is recommended :

1. That the Committee be authorized to have printed during the present year blanks for the securing of statistics, provided they do not exceed $20 in cost.

2. That our Presbyteries be urged to encourage Presbyterial Conventions or institutes of young people for the study of our denominational history and polity and the promotion of loyalty to Christ and the Church.

3. That Sessions be reminded that they are *ex officio* members of the young people's societies, and as such be urged to attend their devotional and business meetings in order to give counsel and render all other assistance possible.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief presented the following report which was accepted, and after addresses by Dr. Whitman H. Jordan and Mr. William McCarroll, the recommendations were adopted:

Not long since a benevolent and wealthy lady left a large sum to the Fund for the Relief of the Aged and Indigent Clergy of the Church of which she was a member. A citizen of the place, somewhat careless in his reading of the bequest, remarked that it was a good thing that so much money was left to Aged and "Indignant" Clergymen; and he expressed the hope that their good fortune would better their dispositions. It had occurred to us that our Board of Ministerial Relief will earn the title of a Board for the Relief of Aged and "Indignant" Clergymen, if the contemplated reduction of the small annuity paid for their relief is consummated. The increasing demands made upon the Board by the Presbyteries, and the failure of a corresponding increase in contributions, have brought the Board face to face with the question of reducing the sum granted its beneficiaries and their dependent households. Surely an emotion of righteous indignation might well flush the faded cheeks of some of our aged and faithful annuitants, who, after their years of faithful and self-sacrificing service, find the scant pittance the Church grants them growing scantier with the years, while the Church increases in wealth and in contributions to other objects of benevolence. The average appropriation is only $200. Even this cannot be maintained longer, unless the Presbyteries recommend fewer cases, send more money, or pray the death-angel to summon to the hospitalities of the Church triumphant the faithful servants of the Church militant. The widows who will suffer from this diminution of income will not be indignant. They, toil-worn and weary, will doubtless exhibit their accustomed patience, and accept gratefully whatever the Church gives them in their afflictions; while the orphans, for the most part, are too young to offer any complaints to disturb the equanimity of our Church courts, which will continue to pass platitudinous resolutions as substitutes for beneficent conduct.

Last year this Synod contributed $21,690 to the Board, while her Presbyteries drew from the Treasury $20,747. Of the churches, 549 made offerings for this object, while 249 said to its beneficiaries, "Be thou warmed and filled," yet "gave them not those things which are needful for the body." In the words of the practical and pungent Apostle James, we inquire of them "what doth it profit?"

The Presbyteries of Albany, Boston, Brooklyn, Champlain, Columbia, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, Steuben, Otsego, Troy, and Westchester increased their offerings, the last mentioned from $1,482 to $2,165. Westchester is the banner Presbytery on this list. As a rule the *poorer* Pres-

byteries are increasing their gifts to this worthy object, while the richer are diminishing theirs. Ought this so to be? The Committee recommends:

1. That every church of the Synod be enjoined to take at least one collection this year for the Board of Ministerial Relief.

2. That each Pastor and Stated Supply be enjoined to present annually the Church's duty to her Aged and Infirm Clergy.

3. That the Permanent Committee communicate with all Presbyterial committees having charge of this object, suggesting that they present the claims of the Board to every church session, and urge the appointment of a committee by each session to bring the subject before its Church, so that the liberality of the people towards the Board may be stimulated.

Rev. Charles Wadsworth, Jr., D. D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Permanent Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted, and the Rev. Charles Wadsworth, Jr., D. D.. addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board:

The receipts of the Board of Education during the past year, including a special contribution of $5,500 toward the debt, were $77,633.10. The contributions within our Synod were $10,776. The number of students in the Synod receiving aid from the Board was fifty-two, the sum received by them being $3,765, an average of about $75. The number of churches contributing was 484, and of those failing to contribute 394. The number of candidates enrolled the past year under the care of the Board was 716, being 29 less than the previous year. This is a great falling off from the number a few years ago. In 1895 it had under its care 1,032; but in 1898 the number had fallen to 814, and last year to 716, a decrease of 33 1-3 per cent. in four or five years. If any one thinks there is danger of our soon having too many ministers, let him consider these facts, and see what seems to be the prospect. There certainly appears to be need yet for our obeying the Saviour's command, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

While helping the worthy, the Church's system through the Board is largely one of restriction, a means of guarding the entrance to the ministry from the unfit. To this end, a heavy responsibility rests upon Sessions, Presbyteries and the faculties of institutions where candidates pursue their studies. We therefore call special attention to the recommendations of the conference on Ministerial Education, held at Sewickley, Pa., in June, 1899, at least in these particulars: 1. The enlargement and strengthening of the committees on Education, putting upon them some of the wisest and best men in each Presbytery; 2. The entrusting to them of the examination of candidates with respect to personal piety and motives for seeking the ministry, and suggesting that the preliminary examination be before the committee in private; 3. The holding of special meetings of Presbytery for the exami-

nations for license or ordination, in cases where full time cannot otherwise be allowed for this important work; 4. The combining of written with oral examinations for the better testing of candidates.

The Permanent Committee on Missions to Freedmen presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by Rev. Daniel J. Sanders, D. D., President of Biddle University, the recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee reports a very gratifying and regular increase of donations for the past three years and recommends:

1. That the Board be requested to send able colored speakers to the churches of the Synod to represent its work, as some other institutions are doing with success.

2. That all the Churches of the Synod be earnestly requested to open their pulpits on the Lord's Day to these representatives of the Board.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, Conditions in the South have changed since the organization of the Freedmen's Board; and,

Whereas, The unsettled state of affairs in the South is forcing the colored people to come to the North in great numbers; and,

Whereas, The operation of the Freedmen's Board is limited to work in the South,

Resolved, That the Synod calls the attention of its Presbyteries to this new condition and recommends them to begin Christian work among our colored people whenever and wherever practicable.

The Rev. Judson Swift, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Tract Society.

A resolution relating to the Society was offered, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Adjourned until Thursday, at half-past eight o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the North Church in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions, and conducted in accordance with the arrangements. Reports were read, and addresses were made by Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and Mr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

THURSDAY, October 18, 8.30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Levi Parsons, D. D.

The roll was called and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 3) were reported as being present.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that no business had come before it, and the report was accepted.

A resolution from the Presbytery of Columbia, in regard to the cost of administering church business, and the limiting of assessments on the Presbyteries was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions, presented on Wednesday evening at the popular meeting in the North Church, was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted as follows :

The Synod as a whole has given more this year for the work of evangelization by $11,524 than it did the preceding year, the total being $75,521. For this, all concerned may be thankful. The Presbyteries which report an increase are the following :

Albany	$800.00	Lyons	$70.00
Boston	30.00	New York	9,000.00
Buffalo	1,070.00	North River	80.00
Cayuga	157.00	Otsego	60.00
Champlain, nearly	300.00	Rochester	260.00
Chemung	9.00	St. Lawrence	365.00
Genesee	341.00	Steuben	32.00
Geneva	128 00	Troy	250.00
Hudson	305.00	Utica	170.00
Long Island	275.00	Westchester	125.00

The Presbyteries which have fallen off are Binghamton, Brooklyn, Columbia, Nassau, Niagara, and Syracuse. There were 227 non-contributing churches : nine of these are in Albany Presbytery ; one with 249 members, and another with 425 members. These nine churches have over 1,100 members. If each had given one cent a week to Home Missions, $550 would have been added to the funds of the Board.

Binghamton has thirteen churches which made no direct offering for evangelization. Five of these are vacant, others are weak ; but a church with 650 members, which reports $16,900 for congregational expenses, is hardly a weak church, and should have some good reason for not contributing. The 6,275 members in this Presbytery gave $1,065. That is, it took six

members to raise $1 a year to evangelize the nation. The 6,600 members in Boston Presbytery gave $984; so that it took seven members to raise $1. This was one cent in ninety of what the Presbytery spent in self-support. In Brooklyn Presbytery 14,000 members gave $8,149, which exceeds the one cent a week per member. But the two largest Churches gave nearly $5,000 of this sum. The smaller churches may have given as liberally according to their ability, yet 34, with over 10,000 members, gave but a little more than $3,000.

Buffalo Presbytery has 10,625 members. Each on the average gives $13 a year toward congregational expenses, and for evangelization twenty-five cents per member; that is, fifty times as much for self-support as for the religious life of the nation. In this Presbytery, East Buffalo Church with 486 members, is not represented in the Home Board's report, nor North Buffalo with 354 members, nor South Buffalo with 217 members, nor Olean with 373 members, Park with 233, and Dunkirk with 193. Cayuga nearly reached the average rate of one cent a week per member.

Six Presbyteries which gave almost the same sum, a few dollars more or less than $500, differ among themselves decidedly in other respects. Columbia has a few more than 2,000 members and spends $17,404 in self-support; Champlain has 2,017 members and spends $23,800 in self-support; Chemung has nearly 3,000 members and spends $32,726 in self-support; Niagara has 3,100 members and spends $37,000 in self-support; Genesee has 3,472 members and spends $24,000 in self-support; Syracuse has 7,222 members and spends $72,000 in self-support; Columbia with its 2,000 members, and spending $17,000 in self-support, gives as much as Syracuse with its 7,222 members and spending $72,000 in self-support. Again we might put together St. Lawrence, spending $52,000, and Nassau about the same. But Nassau gave only $805, or one dollar in $65, while St. Lawrence gave $1,370, or one dollar in $40. North River gave a little less, although expending $15,000 more in self-support. Rochester spends in congregational expenses $160,681, and Westchester almost exactly the same amount, yet Westchester gives over $5,000, while Rochester gives less than half. Utica, with members exceeding those of Troy by nearly 900, gives just half as much as Troy. Otsego, with only 3,500 members, and spending $30,000 in self-support, gives $852, while Steuben with 700 more members, and spending $9,000 more in self-support, gives only $614.

New York City holds the banner, not merely in amount, but in the ratio of gifts to congregational expenses. While the New York Churches spend a little over half a milion on themselves, they gave $32,700 to evangelization, or one dollar in $17. Next to this honorable record comes Cayuga, giving one dollar in $20, and Geneva giving one dollar in $23. Farther down toward the end of the list, giving one dollar in $75, is Rochester, and Binghamton one dollar in $80, while Syracuse is at the extreme, giving only one dollar for $150 spent for congregational purposes.

Figures are not always trustworthy. Some of these Presbyteries may do a large amount of unreported work; but these figures do mean something, and certainly indicate that few if any, of the Presbyteries are doing their full

duty in the matter of national evangelization. Making all due allowance, $75,000 is not enough for this rich Synod to give to Home Missions. It spends $2,400,000 in self-support. It has more than 181,000 communicants. It may be said with reference to all the work that it does, "These things ought ye to have done, and not to have left the others undone."

During the fiscal year 1898–1899 there were 83 Churches in the Synod which gave at least one cent a week per member in addition to amounts given by auxiliary societies. During the last year there were 63 such Churches, a loss of 20. Many congregations, if they knew what was expected of them, would double or treble their contributions. Mr. Beecher once said, "When the congregation goes to sleep, wake up the minister." It applies in some measure to the congregations that are asleep in the matter of giving to the evangelization work of our Board. It is recommended:

1. That the Synod urge all the Churches to abandon the custom prevalent in many, of depending entirely on the offerings of one or two Sundays to secure contributions for the Home Board, and to adopt some system by which every contributing member shall have an opportunity of giving to this great object.

2. That the Synod set before the Churches the standard of one cent a week per communicant as the lowest which should prevail.

3. That the Synod urge on each Church the appointment of a Committee of two or more, who shall regard the interests of Home Missions, and that the name of the chairman be sent to the Secretary in New York.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, also presented at the popular meeting on Wednesday evening, was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

The past Synodical year has been one of the most remarkable in the history of Foreign Missions. The Ecumenical Council, held in New York in April last, without doubt the greatest missionary convention ever assembled, made an impression upon our own nation and others as favorable as it must prove abiding. As a result, our organized agencies for the evangelization of heathendom are more honorable in the sight of the world, and their interests more vital and urgent within the Church, than ever before. The exhibit there presented should inspire the Church to redoubled zeal and consecration. We record our indebtedness to the Committee which organized this imposing Council, and are justly proud of the masterful leadership of the Secretaries of our own Board.

During the last few months the world has been called to face another event that cannot fail to affect, positively and determinatively, the future of Foreign Missions. Much of our mission property has been destroyed, and several of our missionaries and their families massacred at the hands of barbarous insurrectionists in China, in a way that offends the instincts of our common humanity, and causes the very heart of modern civilization to shudder and bleed. This atrocious crime, as black as anything since the Middle Ages, and

not committed in a corner, has aroused the indignation and resentment of the entire world. The splendid heroism of our missionaries, and the unyielding faithfulness of the native Christians, have established a witness to the power of the Gospel, which has compelled the admiration of even the enemies of the Cross, and must give an impulse to the ongoing of the Kingdom that cannot be measured.

What shall be the practical outcome of this persecution? Shall we withdraw from this hostile territory, and concentrate our energies elsewhere? Surely, no one acquainted with the traditions of missions, or in consonance with the spirit which inaugurated the work, would counsel such a course. The majority of our China missionaries are still within the "Yellow Kingdom"; and it is the policy of our Board to return to their respective fields those who have been compelled to flee, as soon as this shall be wise and practicable. We endorse this policy as pre-eminently judicious and Christian, and commend it to the hearty ratification of the Synod.

The impression has gone abroad, unfortunately, that, since so large a part of our Foreign work has thus been suspended, our Board will be under less expense the coming year, and the churches therefore be free to divert a portion of their offerings, or demit a degree of their wonted zeal. But with the demand that came to transport, with the utmost expedition, so large a force of workers, including many women and children, some of whom were sick and in no condition to travel even under the most favorable conditions, to distant places of safety; with the need of almost uninterrupted cable communication; with the call for immediate conferences on the field and here at home, not to mention the necessity soon to arise of rebuilding many of our mission stations, the Board faces a largely lengthened rather than lessened debit column. And if its honor is to be maintained, and its credit to continue, the churches must forthwith multiply and not diminish their gifts.

How shall we restore these mission plants? Not by means of indemnity wrenched from a heathen nation at the point of bayonets. Build mission chapels and houses with money saturated with blood and crime! The Great Head of the Church forbid! Better never to rebuild than to rehabilitate our work in this way. It would be a confession of commercialism that would prove our curse. Christ's Kingdom is not of this world. We depend not upon war or wealth, but unseen, omnipotent spiritual forces, the treasuries at the command of the Prince of Peace. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." The Church should not once mention the subject of indemnity. When the call is made by our Government, let her refuse to add up columns of material losses, or to submit estimates of financial claims. She can afford to suffer any material reverses entailed by the recent massacres in China. She must take this stand before the world, and before God, or she will more forward if, indeed, that can be her direction thereafter—with an enervating sense of inconsistency, and beneath the frown of the Great Head of the Church.

If this is to be our policy, we shall need an increased income, or find ourselves unable to meet the approaching emergency in China. The blood of the martyrs shall be in this case, as it has been always, the seed of the Church.

When the international readjustments now pending have been completed, there will be no closed gateway in all China. The Star of Bethlehem will rise speedily to its ascendancy, while those of Buddha and Confucius shall hasten to the horizon.

To prepare for this, the Presbyterian Church could do nothing more worthy of her character or more in accord with her traditions, this next year, the opening year of the twentieth century, than to establish a Chinese Memorial Fund to the memory of her sons who have laid down their lives in martyrdom, and in testimony to the spiritual aims and methods of her work of world-wide evangelism. Shall not this Synod take the lead in this forward movement to which the Providence of God is to-day beckoning the Christian Church?

The practical work of your Committee has not been as extensive or fruitful the last year as in years previous. This has been due mainly to the failure of many of the Presbyterial committees to co-operate with us. The chairmen of two committees whose fields have long seemed to us most in need of aggressive organization in the interest of Foreign Missions, and for which we have had definite, not to say well conceived and practical plans, persist in ignoring our personal communications as if we were wanting both in authority and respectability. Such dereliction seems unpardonable; and either these and other Presbyteries, equally if not similarly indifferent, must replace their committees with ministers and elders alive to the needs of the work, and willing to give time and energy to its local prosecution, or the cause will continue to languish throughout their borders. We call upon moderators, and particularly upon stated clerks to give personal attention to this crying need.

The contribution of this Synod to the Board the last year is in advance of the year before; but the delinquency, considering the prosperous times, is appalling. Judging from the Treasurer's books the most serious neglect is among the Sunday schools, 397 of which gave nothing last year to Foreign Missions that came to the office of the Board. Many of these are the schools of large and flourishing churches. Is this less than deplorable? If the children are not interested will not the springs soon run dry? The only way in which we can ensure a wholesome, normal life to this or any other cause is to sow its seed in the heart of the youth.

The list of non-contributing churches numbers 29.

Every church in the Presbyteries of Binghamton, Chemung, Columbia, Geneva, Long Island, Nassau, St. Lawrence, Steuben and Troy made an offering last year for Foreign Missions. It is therefore evident from this comparison that our weakest point just now is located in the Sunday school.

One of the luminous pages in the records of the year has been the work of our Women's Boards and Societies. In the home Presbyteries of the Synod there are 548 women's societies, 98 young people's organizations, 187 children's bands, 492 Christian Endeavor Societies, and 172 junior societies, all under the supervision of the Women's Boards. These contributed last year $62,500. With this the salaries of 84 missionaries were paid, much of the educational evangelistic, medical, and miscellaneous work of our missions aided, and their own administrative expenses met. No one can estimate the resultant of

our women's activities, not in financial returns alone, but also in the increase of intelligent interest, the dissemination of information, the quickening of zeal, the diffusion of a spirit of benevolence, and the deepening of the spiritual life of our churches. We commend their work to the gratitude and cordial endorsement of the Synod.

Our plans for the year are not theoretical, but practical. We shall continue to bombard every indolent or indifferent Foreign Mission committeeman within our jurisdiction; we shall remind non-contributing churches and Sunday schools of their delinquency; and shall humbly suggest to pastors and Presbyteries, where needed, approved means and methods of increasing missionary interest and income. We are contemplating a systematic visitation of some of the Presbyteries, within which such work has not been done of late years, by a returned missionary of wide reputation and recognized power, and are hoping for immediate visible results. We are also planning a series of twelve mammoth missionary mass meetings in our larger centres of population at which the Chinese situation, so popular with the public just now, shall be presented by the ablest China missionaries now on furlough in this country. It is our desire to arrange for such meetings in New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Albany, Poughkeepsie, Binghamton, Elmira, Watertown, and Plattsburg; and we bespeak the co-operation of our pastors in these cities, and the Foreign Mission committees within whose territories these meetings are to be held. It is recommended:

1. That the Synod record its appreciation of the signal heroism of its martyr missionaries in China, its sympathy with the persecuted native churches, and its loyalty to the Board in its avowed policy regarding the future of its missions in China.

2. That it approve the plan of its Committee to organize Missionary itineraries within its Presbyteries, and to hold missionary mass meetings at its chief centres of population, and that it commend both plans to the sympathy and support of local Pastors and Presbyteries.

3. That it call the attention of Presbyteries to their non-contributing churches and Sunday schools, and urge them to initiate an organized effort to secure an offering from every church and every Sunday school under their control.

4. That it again admonish the Presbyteries to give attention to the reorganization of their permanent committees on Foreign Missions, and remind all such committees of their duty to co-operate with the Synod's Committee, and to employ every practicable means to further the interests of the cause within their respective Presbyteries.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was directed to present next year the facts in detail of any refusal or neglect on the part of Presbyterial committees to co-operate with the Synod's Committee.

Elder Ralph E. Prime was requested to codify the Laws of New York pertaining to the Presbyterian Church, in as brief a form as possible, for publication in the minutes.

The Treasurer of Synodical Missions presented his report, which was accepted, and his accounts and vouchers were referred for audit to the Committee on Finance :

In the Presbyteries co-operating during the past year, under the plan adopted, there are 593 churches. Of these churches 484 have contributed to our funds during the year, a proportion a little larger than the previous year.

Other Presbyteries, not in active co-operation under the plan, have given small sums from individual churches, and Westchester and Hudson Presbyteries have contributed as Presbyteries. Buffalo and Cayuga Presbyteries have contributed towards the salary of the Superintendent.

A statement of such contributions by the Presbyteries and by individual Churches accompanies this report.

Aggregate contributions for the year were	$21,354.89
Balance on hand, October 1, 1899	2,183.90
Borrowed from Board of Home Missions	3,000.00
Total	$26,538.79
Commissions paid in full to August 1, 1900	$22,148.71
Salary of Superintendent, and expenses of the Permanent and Executive Committees	1,879.94
Balance on hand, October 1, 1900	2,510.14
Total	$26,538.79

The amount needed for salaries due November 1, is about $5,600. We are not sure that we shall be able to meet these payments promptly, but have received promises from various sources, which if they are fulfilled will enable us to do so. We have made arrangements with the Board of Home Missions to renew their loan of $3,000 for one year.

HENRY AIRD, *Treasurer.*

The Superintendent of Synodical Missions presented the following report, which was accepted :

I submit my third annual report as Synodical Superintendent in as brief form as possible. Each year witnesses not only an increase in contributions but also in the scope of the work. " For Christ and the State " is our watchword, and this should appeal to every member of our beloved church within our commonwealth. A church rich in men and means, sending its benefactions all over the earth, cannot, will not, overlook the needy at its own doors. For our kinsmen and neighbors we toil and pray, and beseech you not to send them away empty when they appeal to you for the bread of life.

Some of the Presbyteries are working under plans somewhat different from the Synodical idea. But all have the same end in view and have aided the Superintendent in securing the information necessary to complete his report. Only

one Presbytery fails to be represented in the schedule of this report, Buffalo, from which specific details have not yet reached the Superintendent. In general, however, we may report that this Presbytery aided last year ten churches, at an expense of $3,252.41, including $75 contributed toward the maintenance of the work in the State.

During the year, 129 Commissions have been issued by the Synodical Committee. Twenty-five missionaries more have been laboring under Presbyterial Commissions.

In formulating this report, in a few instances it has been necessary to approximate some of the details where reports have been incomplete.

The following summarizes the year's work:

Missionaries reporting	154	Number of Sabbath Schools	195
Pastors	67	Number of Sabbath Schools organized	11
Stated supplies	87	Members of Sabbath Schools	15,073
Churches served	176	Members of Society of Christian Endeavor	4,182
Stations supplied at regular intervals	60	Church edifices (value of same $667,350)	180
Annual amount granted	$29,408	Church edifices built during the year (at cost of $15,450)	5
Amount decrease possible	$665	Church edifices repaired (at cost of $5,925)	26
Additions on profession of faith	723	Church debts cancelled	$4,899
Additions by certificate	382	Number of Manses (value of same $107,050)	99
Total membership	10,959		
Total average attendance	11,079		
Baptism, adults	345		
Baptism, infants	494		

June 29, Rev. August Block, missionary pastor of the Jeffersonville German Church, ceased his earthly labors and entered into rest. The churches of Fairhaven, Burke, Chazy, North Gage, and Guilford Center have become self-sustaining. New churches have been organized at Leffert's Park, Borough Park, Home Crest and Bensonhurst, Brooklyn; also, at Bedford Park, University Heights and Williamsbridge First, in New York; Harrison in Westchester. Several churches have been greatly revived, viz.: Buel, Burke, Colchester, Second German, New York; De Grasse, Clare, Stark, and Wick, and Hartshorn Memorial, Hornellsville. Meridale, Clarkstown German, Fairville, Glenmore Avenue, Brooklyn; Floral Avenue, Binghamton, are rejoicing over new or greatly improved and remodelled church edifices. East Meredith is building a new manse. A much needed chapel is contemplated at Old Forge. Many congregations feel the need of better church appliances for doing the most effective work. A manse, a chapel, a Sabbath school room and library, a church organ, would be most welcome to many a half disheartened pastor and flock. Would that God's wealthier children might realize how much of sunshine they might thus shed upon those who are not so much favored with earth's material resources. Some of our churches are much hampered with debts, which discourage and sap their spiritual life.

In our congregations, the aged pass to their reward, and the young seek employment in the cities, so that constant aggressive work is necessary to maintain the feeble churches and assimilate the new elements which compose the organization to-day.

Several churches plead for active, consecrated men as pastors. Other urge more consecration of time, talent, and means on the part of professed Christian people. More system in financial methods would relieve many a struggling flock. And from east to west and north to south comes the earnest prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the quickening of the church, that faith and works may go hand in hand, that the careless and neglected may be brought into the kingdom. May not this prayer be prompted by the Holy Spirit and signify that He is ready and willing at their asking to fill the heart and hands of his faithful ones with rich spiritual blessings?

The work in our State is appealing more and more to Christian people as they acquaint themselves with it. Thousands of leaflets have been sent out by request of the people, contributions are increasing, and the Superintendent has more invitations than he can meet to tell the churches of this work, so blessed in its results all over our Commonwealth. The pastors and members of our dependent churches are doing valiant service in their several spheres, reclaiming the waste places, strengthening the things that remain in many declining villages and hamlets, and preparing the young people for usefulness in the larger and more extended fields to which they will so soon be called. In every time of discouragement they may feel they are laying foundations which shall abide forever. Will not this great Synod arise to their help and bid them a hearty God speed? And may the Lord ever add his blessing, without which our best efforts shall utterly fail. The following items of personal service are subjoined:

Visits to Congregations	85	Funerals attended	14
Sermons and addresses	162	Presbyteries visited	9
Lord's Supper administered	4	Letters written	2,133
Baptisms	3	Miles traveled	18,505
Members received into the Church	2	Salary and expenses	$1,535.64
Marriages solemnized	3		

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Synodical Superintendent.

The Report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions was presented and accepted, and after addresses by Rev. William F. Whitaker, D.D., and Henry W. Jessup, Esq., the recommendations were adopted.

[In the hands of the Committee, and not received in time for the press. See Appendix.]

The thanks of the Synod were presented to the Chairman of the Committee on Synodical Missions, Mr. Albert P. Stevens, for his eminently successful conduct of the important interests under his charge.

The Plan for Synodical Missions was amended in the first sentence of Article V. so that it shall read: "The Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions shall consist of the Chairman,

or a member of the Committee on Synodical Missions in each Presbytery appointed by such Committee, together with five Elders to be appointed annually by the Synod."

The Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., was re-elected Superintendent of Synodical Missions for the ensuing year.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Elder Henry Aird was re-elected Treasurer, and the following Elders were appointed members of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions: Albert P. Stevens, Ezra P. Hoyt, Horace B. Silliman, William H. Hollister, Jr., William W. Smith.

The Examiners of Elmira College presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by President MacKenzie the recommendations were adopted:

The golden age of a nation or a college does not always lie in the remote past, but often in the living present. This is pre-eminently true of your college, Elmira. Your Committee has visited the college three times during the year, and found the same thrift, efficiency, and increased college spirit prevailing, which have characterized the entire administration of President MacKenzie. The attendance of students is so large that rooms never used before have been fitted up and utilized, and some have been compelled to find accommodations outside the college. The very success of the institution is proving an embarrassment. Registration has already begun for the next year, and there must be increased accommodations. This need strongly appeals to the hearts and purses of the friends of higher education and of our beloved church.

The requirements for entrance into the Freshman and other classes are as exacting as those of any college, and the work done during the entire course can scarcely be excelled. The Faculty has been strengthened by the addition of professors selected from Princeton, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Chicago and Johns Hopkins Universities, nearly all having won from their respective institutions, their doctor's degree in Philosophy. Your Committee was deeply impressed with the exacting thoroughness manifested in the instruction given in the several class-rooms. In every part of the college, renewed life and material improvement are manifest. For the more perfect heating of the building, it has been furnished with three sixty-horse power boilers. Steel ceilings have been placed in the class-rooms and laboratory, making them more attractive and comfortable.

The public rooms and dormitories have been re-papered and painted, and some of them re-furnished.

During the past year, under proper limitations, athletics and field sports were introduced, creating an intense class and college spirit, which seems to have permeated the thought and life of every student, inspiring all to greater intellectual effort and college loyalty.

While former college classes have ranged from eight to fifteen in number, the Sophomore and Freshman classes each number about fifty; and if the present prosperity continue, as we believe it will, another building as large as the present must speedily be erected.

What noble Presbyterian, to whom God has entrusted wealth, will come to the Kingdom for such a time as this, and place the institution on so high a vantage ground that it may nobly fulfil its complete mission to the church and the world? A college located in one of our leading cities, easily accessible to the entire State, with surroundings noted for health and beauty, with a superior faculty, Elmira lays heavy claim on you, for your students, your benefactions, and your fervent prayers. It is recommended:

1. That the thanks of the Synod be tendered President A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D., in recognition of his efficient services in the administration of the affairs of Elmira College.

2. That in view of the fact that the number of students has been doubled, taxing the full capacity of the present buildings, the Synod earnestly appeal to pastors to impress on their people the duty of considering the claims of Elmira college on their immediate and generous gifts, and their bequests, both for the endowment of the chairs of instruction, and the erection of necessary new dormitories and class rooms.

3. That the Chairman of the Board of Trustees be directed to call a meeting of that Board at the college every year as soon after the meeting of the Synod as practicable.

The Committee to nominate Trustees of the Synod, and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College, reported, and the following persons recommended were duly elected by ballot, to serve until 1903:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., William Allen Butler, Thomas G. Ritch.

Trustees of Elmira College: Seymour Dexter, Mrs. Howard Elmer, William S. Truman, Harmon H. Fulton, Arthur Clinton, Alexander Davidson, and, for the unexpired term of Mr. John Stewart, resigned, Mr. Thomas Cochrane, to serve until 1901.

Examiners: Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D. D.

The Committee to Nominate Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries reported, recommending the following appointments, and the recommendations were adopted:

Auburn Seminary—Ministers: G. Parsons Nichols, William P. Swartz, Henry R. Fancher, Henry T. Scholl; *Elders*—Charles W. Darling, David Burrill, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, William H. Hollister, Jr.

New York University: Ministers—George C. Yeisley, Richard P. H. Vail, Maltbie D. Babcock, David G. Wylie; *Elders*—Silas B. Brownell, Daniel J. Holden, Ralph E. Prime, William H. Parsons.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following minute, which had been referred to it, and which, on its recommendation, was adopted:

Whereas, The American Tract Society, for seventy-five years, has a record of almost unparalleled success in carrying the Gospel message on the printed page to churchless millions, through its colporteurs and its grants to Home Missionaries and other Christian workers; its efforts in behalf of immigrants using many languages or dialects; its invaluable aid to Foreign Missions in creating a native Christian literature; and the unusual work among the Spanish-speaking people, notably in the newly acquired islands; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of New York again commends this time-honored Society to the confidence and liberality of its churches.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Rev. Albert A. Fulton addressed the Synod in reference to the work in China.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented the following report, which was accepted, and after addresses by the Rev. William S. Hubbell, D. D., Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., and Elder James Yereance, the recommendations were adopted:

It would be presumption to present any arguments for Sabbath observance. Recent discoveries by Pillerkop, Voit and Prof. Raoul Allier, and the proceedings of the Sunday Rest Conferences at the Columbian and Parisian Expositions add no obligation which, as Christians, we do not already recognize in the commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it *holy*." We must remain unmoved by arguments for a change in the character, or an abandonment, of the day, under the exigencies of moderate civilization. Christ showed us that the law, once thought to be written on tables of stone as an arbitrary edict of omnipotence, was really God's gift to man to meet

needs of his nature, physical, moral, social, political, spiritual, as fundamental and imperative as his need of pure air and wholesome food for the body, or of language for society. This is the truth in His saying, "The Sabbath is made for man."

Emerson has said: The Sabbath "is the very core of our civilization." Its holy observance is the unmistakeable sign of a vital, spiritual Christian life. Voltaire, who made so many attacks upon the Bible and Christianity, at last out of his experience exclaimed: "Christianity can never be destroyed until first the Christian Sabbath is destroyed." Your committee believes that Satan was an intimate friend of this French Faust, and was no doubt near at hand when this remark was made. Certainly from that day until now, he has directed his attack against the "holy Sabbath." We cannot deny that he has been largely successful. Railways, telegraphs, Sunday newspapers, Sunday excursions, open shops, yelling newsboys, bicycles, golf, Sunday concerts and theatres, saloons crying for Sunday option and open in defiance of law, the weakening and lax enforcement of State laws, and more than all a growing indifference among professed Christians to the day and its devout uses; these all suggest victories of the enemies of Christ, and the forces of defence must be aroused.

It is a pleasure to recall the uncompromising attitude of our American college students at the Paris exposition, in refusing to have any part in Sunday sports; and contests in which they participated were placed on week days. There was some connection surely between such courage, and the fact that these American boys won more points than the representatives of all other nations together.

Within the bounds of this Synod there will soon be opened a great exposition. Shall it exhibit a like spirit and achieve a like success? Shall the gates of the Pan-American Exposition be closed on Sundays? You are to help answer this question. It is recommended:

1. That this Synod place itself on record as unalterably opposed to the opening of the Pan-American Exposition on Sunday, and ask the management to heed the desire and respect the conscientious convictions of the Christian people of the State.

2. That Messrs. S. Merrill Clement, Robert B. Adam, Frank E. Sickles, Jerome I. Prentiss, Charles E. Walbridge, William B. Rogers, and Horace Briggs be appointed a committee in Buffalo, to represent us in rallying, uniting, and co-operating with all the forces opposed to the Sunday opening of the exposition, and with power to increase its number.

3. That in view of the special conditions to surround the meeting of the Synod in 1901, and the supreme importance of the subject, the committee of arrangements be directed to appoint a popular meeting for a full consideration of Sabbath observance.

4. That the Synod commend to the churches, the American Sabbath Union, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the New York Sabbath Committee, and the New England Sabbath Association.

5. That we heartly endorse the action of the last Assembly, especially calling upon our pastors to devote a special Sabbath to this subject.

The Special Committee appointed last year, to which was referred certain action of the Presbytery of Utica, recorded on p. 23 of its Minutes, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The action in question was to the effect that the declaring of a pulpit vacant is a judicial act, consequent upon judicial process, and not fitting in cases of ordinary dissolution of the pastoral relation ; and that the Presbytery would be governed accordingly in its future proceedings.

The Committee has carefully considered this action of the Presbytery of Utica, and compared it with the provisions of the Form of Government, chap. xvii, and Book of Discipline, chap. vi, sec. 44, and it unanimously recommends that the action of the Presbytery be sanctioned, as in accordance with the Constitution, and that its Minutes of last year be approved without exception.

The Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted :

Auburn Seminary needs no introduction to this Synod. Her name has been before the church until she has now grown venerable with age ; and many of us have not only looked into her face and enjoyed her generous hospitality, but are indebted for our theological training to the wise instruction received within her walls. But though old she is not dim-eyed nor feeble ; rather with her advancing years have come increased clearness of vision, and an increasing vigor, ability, and skill for the prosecution of her great work.

Your Committee visited this institution during the anniversary week. It examined the buildings, and found them, especially the more modern structures, all that could be desired in the way of elegant appointments and admirable fitness for use. But a large and commodious gymnasium as a companion to Morgan Hall would be a valuable addition to the material equipment of the Seminary. Your Committee was most favorably impressed with the wide range of topics handled in the examinations, the thoroughness and skill with which they were treated, and the manifest desire shown that all this varied instruction might be used in a practical ministry for the glory of Christ and his church.

The members of the faculty throughout the year have all been able to fill their appointments and do their full work, to which they are ardently devoted. They are a body of noble, consecrated men, and worthy of high compensation for their unremitting and self-sacrificing labors.

The past year has been the first in the administration of the recently inaugurated president, the Rev. George Black Stewart, D. D. He came to the post with a well equipped mind and a fine Christian spirit, and he is proving himself a worthy successor of that Christian gentleman, the lamented Dr.

Booth. He is an apt and keen instructor, and with his enthusiasm and free and unreserved manner in the class room, he easily comes in close contact with the students, while, in the wider range of responsibility, he earnestly grasps the important details of seminary affairs. This school of the prophets in all its varied appointments stands among the foremost of our institutions. Your Committee calls attention to the following features in the regulations of the Seminary:

1. The Seminary now admits no one to its classes who is not a Bachelor of Arts from some accredited college, or who cannot pass a satisfactory examination on prescribed subjects covering a college course. With the operation of this rule every new student admitted this year was a college graduate with a B. A. diploma.

2. The new self-government scheme, by which the students are in the future to manage their own student life without interference from the faculty.

3. The new regulations governing the administration of the scholarship funds. Under these regulations there are two post-graduate scholarships, designed to promote thorough and high-class work by men competent to do it. There are three classes of undergraduate scholarships, for employment soon, and free. A student, to enjoy the advantage of this regulation, must maintain an average of 75 per cent. of the standard, and have the health, character, and fidelity to his work which promises usefulness in the Christian ministry.

4. Friends of the Seminary have contributed about $10,000 during the year to its permanent funds and for current expenses. It is evident, and the Seminary authorities are unanimous in this judgment, that, if Auburn is to maintain in this age its present place in the front rank of theological seminaries, there must be an enlargement of its faculty and an extension of its curriculum. In order to this, there will be needed an additional endowment of not less than $300,000. We are happy to report that $40,000 have already been pledged of this amount. We most heartily commend to the confidence and generosity of the Synod this great institution under its control.

The Committee appointed to revise the list of Permanent Committees presented its report, which was accepted, and the Committees were constituted in accordance with its recommendation, to serve for two years. (See Appendix).

It was *Resolved*, That the Chairmen of the several Permanent Committees be an Advisory Committee to the Committee of Arrangements, for the next meeting of the Synod, and that the Committee on former Missionary Congresses be discharged, with the thanks of the Synod.

The Committee of Arrangements was requested to consider whether it be advisable to have the celebration of the Lord's Supper in connection with the opening sessions of the Synod on Tuesday evening.

The Visitors to Hamilton College reported, recommending that as the college has disclaimed organic relation with the Presbyterian Church, the appointment of visitors by the Synod shall cease from this date, and the report was adopted.

The Visitors to New York University presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee selected the 15th of October for its visit, which proved to be the 70th anniversary of the Corporation. The members were heartily welcomed by the Chancellor, courteously introduced to the faculty and students, invited to take part in the chapel services, kindly conducted by the Chancellor through the buildings and over the grounds, and handsomely entertained at his residence with a few invited friends.

They listened to a very gratifying explanation of the work accomplished, and the plans in process of evolution. The University course embraces ten departments, in connection with which about 1,800 students are pursuing various branches of learning. While the Committee had no opportunity of examining the professional schools, it does not hesitate, from all it saw of the collegiate department, to commend the institution most cordially to all young men who desire the combination of a closely associated college life, in the midst of the pure surroundings of the country, with the privileges of the metropolis. The University, moreover, appeals strongly for sympathy and support to Presbyterians, for the reason that the funds of Presbyterians have very largely contributed to the erection of the buildings and their maintenance. And although the institution is not under denominational control, the influence of Presbyterians predominates in its management.

The Committee to collate the reports on Presbyterial Records recommended the approval of the Minutes of the following Presbyteries without exception, and the recommendation was adopted: Binghamton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Eastern Persia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North Laos, North River, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester.

The Records of the following Presbyteries were not presented: Albany (on account of the illness of the stated clerk), Boston, Chile, and Siam.

The eighteenth annual report of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions was read and accepted, as follows:

The Society reports 640 Women's organizations; 430 Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies; 215 Bands and 279 contributing Sabbath Schools. The tabulated members reach the number of 29,243. The meetings

held during the year were 7,500. While it is said that figures do not deceive, undoubtedly the membership is greater, and more meetings have been held than are reported, statistics being frequently omitted or imperfectly kept. Fifty-two teachers are supported wholly or in part. Three hundred and thirty-two full scholarships and twenty-one shares are maintained by the various organizations composing the Society, and 4,023 copies of the "Home Mission Monthly," and 2,660 copies of "Over Sea and Land" are taken.

Owing to unexpected gifts from the churches, notably the Church of the Puritans of New York, and the Yonkers First Church, the receipts of the Society were increased, and the total amount realized from all sources was $68,339.34. Of this sum the appropriations for Freedmen were $10,838.67. The churches contributed $3,126.34; the Women's Societies, $38,806.67; Young Ladies' Societies and Bands, $6,342.02; Endeavor Societies, $4,004.18, and Sabbath Schools, $5,220.96.

For the Freedmen the receipts exceeded those of last year by $1,784.35, and for all objects there was a gain of $7,493.87. Families, schools and individuals have felt the sympathetic touch of our workers in being made the recipients of boxes, barrels, and packages valued at $39,030.75. The facts enumerated are seen and can be read of all men.

The self-denial of contributors, and the consecration and fidelity of the workers are felt in the results of the year, but are best known unto Him, to whom be the glory for the noble record made by the Society during the closing year of the century.

The committee to nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented its report, which was accepted, and the nominees were duly appointed. (See appendix.)

At the request of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the attention of the Synod was called to the following action of the last Assembly. [Minutes of 1900, p. 69].

In view of the large number of the sons and daughters of the church in attendance upon State Colleges and Universities, it would urge upon the various Synods to make special provision for their religious instruction, in such ways as may be judged most expedient, and in agreement with the laws governing such institutions.

The Committee on Forms of Worship presented an informal report which was accepted. The committee was continued, and the Moderator was authorized at its request to increase its number to fifteen.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was accepted:

1. The Records of the Synod for 1899 were approved without exception.

2. Permission was given to the Synod to amend its record in the matter of the exceptions taken to the minutes of the Presbytery of Albany in 1898. [See minutes of Synod, 1899, p. 38.]

3. In the matter of an appeal of Rev. George W. F. Birch, D. D., against a judgment of the Presbytery of New York, the appellant was given leave (pp. 82, 85), to withdraw his appeal.

4. The Assembly, p. 121, declared that it had no authority to interpret the action of a former assembly, and terminated all proceedings in connection with the Warszaviak case. [See minutes of Synod for 1899, pp. 40, 41.]

5. The appeal and complaint of Rev. James G. Patterson, D. D., against the Synod of New York were dismissed (p. 136), on the ground that the decision of the Synod was final. [See minutes of Synod for 1899, pp. 39, 41.]

6. Under the so-called Peoria overture, the Synod was divided into three electing districts for the election of members of the standing committees of the Assembly.

7. The last Lord's Day in October was designated by the Assembly as Temperance Sunday.

The Committee on the Place of Meeting in 1901, reported invitations from the North Church, Buffalo, and the Church of Poughkeepsie, which were acknowledged with the thanks of the Synod.

The invitation of the North Church, Buffalo, was accepted, and the Session of the Church was appointed the Committee of Arrangements, with power to add to its number.

The Committee on the revision of the Standing Rules presented a report which was accepted. The subject was re-committed, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee of Arrangements for next year :

1. That in all arrangements for future meetings of the Synod, preference shall be given on Wednesday to reports of committees appointed at a previous meeting.

2. That at every morning and afternoon session of the Synod, half an hour, or as much thereof as shall be necessary, be given to general business, before the consideration of any general or special order, or the consideration of any report of a permanent committee.

An invitation to visit the George Junior Republic was received and acknowledged with thanks.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18, 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and engaged in devotional services.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report which was accepted, and an address on the subject was delivered by Rev. George F. Pentecost, D. D.:

Last year, after seven years of discouraging reports, we were able to report a slight gain in beneficence. It was hoped that this would be the beginning of a new era; that the seven lean and ill-favored kine were to be followed by seven fat and well-favored kine. Our hopes have not been realized. We have made some gains, but they have been submerged by greater losses; and out of the mass of figures presented by 855 churches, covering 12 different objects, or 10,260 separate items, there emerges a report somewhat emaciated and ill-favored. The following tables tell the story for the past year:

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

BOARDS.	1899	1900	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions	$342,102	$304,530	.....	$37,572
Foreign Missions	179,073	187,271	$8,198	.....
Education	12,943	15,689	2,746	.....
Sunday School Work	24,409	22,001	.....	2,408
Church Erection	18,497	20,553	2,056	.....
Ministerial Relief	22,216	22,438	222	.....
Freedmen	24,569	29,199	4,630	.....
Synodical Aid	24,533	25,439	906	.....
Aid for Colleges	27,187	16,905	.....	10,282
Total	$675,529	$644,025	$18,758	$50,262
General Assembly	14,447	13,905	.....	542
Congregational	2,173,322	2,398,227	224,905	.....
Miscellaneous	207,930	215,700	7,770	.....
Grand Total	$3,071,228	$3,271,857	$251,433	$50,804

II. A Comparison of Actual Receipts by the Boards.

BOARDS.	1899	1900	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions	$147,236	$133,032	.....	$14,204
Foreign Missions	98,938	101,976	$3,038	.....
Education	10,795	10,776	.....	19
Sunday School Work	13,999	14,723	724	.....
Church Erection	10,874	12,450	1,576	.....
Ministerial Relief	21,001	21,690	689	.....
Freedmen	20,424	27,118	6,694	.....
Synodical Aid	24,533	25,439	906	.....
Aid for Colleges	5,879	5,698	.....	181
Total	$353,679	$352,902	$13,927	$14,404

Net Loss, $777.

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

BOARDS.	1899	1900	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions	$12,385	$6,730	$5,655	.....
Education	3,500	3,765	.....	$265
Church Erection	3,100	5,100	.....	2,000
Ministerial Relief	19,853	20,747	.....	894
Total	$38,838	$36,342	$5,655	$3,159

Net Decrease, $1,496.

IV. Comparison of Rates per Member.

OBJECTS.	1899	1900	Gain.	Loss.	Whole Church 1899.	Whole Church 1900.
To all Objects	$17 14	$18 05	$0 91	.....	$13 83	$14 93
To Congregational and General Assembly	12 21	13 31	1 10	.....	10 56	11 36
To Benevolence at Large	4 93	4 74	.....	$0 19	3 28	3 57
To Boards of the Church	1 99	1 94	.....	5	.....	.....

V. Comparison as to Offerings Omitted, 1900.

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	S. S. Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Synodical Aid.	Aid for Colleges.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Offerings.	Actual Offerings.	PRESBYTERIES in Order of Percentage of Offerings.
Albany	50	2	1	4	4	5	4	6	4	4	34	450	416	Albany....92.5%
Binghamton	32	7	6	13	7	12	9	10	6	14	84	288	264	Steuben....89.4
Boston	41	3	4	20	12	18	15	9	31	23	135	369	234	Utica....89.2
Brooklyn	35	2	3	6	5	4	3	5	5	9	42	315	273	Westchester....88.4
Buffalo	47	3	6	22	9	20	16	16	23	22	137	423	286	Brooklyn....86.7
Cayuga	23	1	2	9	3	9	6	5	9	10	54	207	153	Hudson....86.6
Champlain	24	9	8	15	6	15	16	8	8	19	104	216	112	Geneva....86.4
Chemung	23	2	0	14	5	14	10	10	3	11	69	207	138	North River....83.7
Columbia	18	1	1	5	4	6	4	3	2	6	32	162	130	Long Island....82.9
Genesee	20	3	5	10	4	8	7	5	7	13	62	180	118	Lyons....81.5
Geneva	22	2	2	3	2	3	5	2	2	6	27	198	171	Columbia....80.3
Hudson	44	3	4	7	5	6	7	5	7	9	53	396	343	New York....79.7
Long Island	24	1	2	6	5	6	4	3	3	7	37	216	179	Troy....77.8
Lyons	18	2	1	3	4	5	3	2	3	7	30	162	132	Nassau....76.5
Nassau	26	2	3	7	3	6	3	4	6	8	42	174	132	Rochester....75
New York	52	3	3	13	8	14	10	13	14	17	95	468	373	Cayuga....74
Niagara	21	2	2	7	4	8	8	6	8	11	56	189	133	Binghamton....71
North River	32	1	2	7	2	8	7	5	6	9	47	288	241	Niagara....70.5
Otsego	28	4	3	15	7	15	12	11	10	16	93	252	159	Genesee....69.6
Rochester	47	2	3	20	7	22	16	9	10	17	106	423	317	Buffalo....67.7
St. Lawrence	36	8	7	15	11	14	15	17	9	20	116	324	208	Chemung....66.7
Steuben	24	0	0	6	2	2	1	4	3	6	24	216	192	St. Lawrence....64.2
Syracuse	43	8	12	18	13	19	16	12	24	20	142	387	245	Boston....63.8
Troy	41	6	3	13	7	10	13	11	7	12	82	369	287	Syracuse....63.4
Utica	44	1	2	9	3	7	3	3	3	12	43	396	353	Otsego....62.7
Westchester	40	2	3	8	2	5	5	4	6	7	42	360	318	Champlain....51.9
Total	855	80	88	275	144	261	218	188	219	315	1788	7635	5847	Average....76.2

Gain over 1899—in offerings, 59; in percentage, 1.6. Average, 1899, 74.6.

SUMMARY.

Gain in Contributions to all objects, 1900 over 1899, $200,629.

Gain in Contributions to Congregational Expenses, 1900 over 1899, $224,905.

Gain in Contributions to Congregational Expenses, 1900 over 1899, per member, $1.10.

Gain in Miscellaneous Contributions, 1900 over 1899, $7,770.

Gain in Number of Offerings by the Churches, 59.

Gain in Percentage of Offerings by the Churches, 1.6 per cent.

Decrease in Payments by the Boards to the Synod, $1,496.

Loss in Contributions to Benevolence, $31,504.

Loss in Contributions to Benevolence, per member, $0,19.

Loss in Receipts by the Boards, $777.

Loss in Receipts by the Boards, per member, $0.05.

IN TEN YEARS, 1890–1900.

The Synod of New York has gained 20,000 members.

We spend on ourselves, *i.e.*, Congregational Expenses, $173,428 more than we did ten years ago—an increase per member of nearly $1.00.

We give $72,179 less to Benevolence; $1.46 less per member.

We give $25,616 less to the Boards; $0.55 less per member.

We take 1,002 more offerings in the churches.

We draw $42,515 less from the Boards.

In 1890, the Board of Home Missions received from Synod $151,498.

In 1900, the Board of Home Missions received from Synod, $133,032.

In 1890, the Synod of Pennsylvania sent to the Board of Home Missions $104,717; in 1900, $120,085.

Analyzing these figures, we see that the gains are only apparent, while the losses are real. We have increased $225,000 in congregational expenses. This may mean paying off church debts, a general increase in ministers' salaries, or that the churches are spending more on music and other features, which add to the attractiveness of worship. But this is not beneficence. Then there is a gain in six out of nine objects represented by the Boards of $18,000, while the total of the three losses is $50,000—a net loss of about $32,000. Within the past two years we have taken from the Home Board the care of our weak churches, receiving less from this Board then ever before ; but we have increased our drafts on the Boards of Education, Church Erection and Ministerial Relief, so that the net saving is only $1,500. We have also made more offerings in our churches than ever. The blanks have been gradually giving way before determined attacks. But we suspect that many churches have divided the amounts formerly given to one or two Boards into nine parts, to every Board a part, without material gain to beneficence. But we cannot blink the facts in the case ; and the facts are all against us. There is no room for comfort or self-congratulation. The whole church in the past year gained .29 a member in beneficence. The Synod of New York lost .19 a member.

Has this year been exceptional? Let us go back ten years. With 20,000

more members we gave $25,000 less to the Boards, and $72,000 less to beneficence; .55 a member less to the Boards, $1.46 less a member to beneficence, $18,000 less to Home Missions, *i. e.*, a falling off of nearly $1.00 a member. Meanwhile other large Synods have increased their gifts, and the whole church has gone ahead to the extent of $200,000 to Home Missions and $100,000 to Foreign Missions. We can hardly call that closing the century in a blaze of glory, as far as this Synod is concerned. The record shows a certain loss of prestige, and a retrogression in this department at least of Presbyterian achievement. For some reason, the work of the Boards has not received that support from our churches which it ought to have. For a decade, a period long enough to warrant a conclusion, we have lost ground in beneficence. May God forgive us! The situation calls for immediate and heroic treatment. We do not wish to scold. But we ought to know the truth, and the truth is that some of us are not doing our duty in the matter of supporting the work of the church we profess to believe in and love.

We venture to suggest, as a plan which goes a long way towards solving the problem wherever it has been tried, the pledge system in some of its forms. This has been urged before, but the idea has not taken root, and it needs more urging. The advantages of the system are:

1. That it furnishes a reasonably certain basis for the Boards to work upon.
2. It prevents the offerings from depending upon such contingencies as rainy Sundays, and the condition of the pocket at the particular moment when the plate is passed.
3. It reaches a larger number of givers.
4. It increases the revenues enormously.
5. It encourages and fosters the giving habit, giving systematically, and from principle always.

The following minute was adopted:

In view of action taken by the Synod, and to avert misunderstanding, the Stated Clerk is directed to communicate with the Trustees of Hamilton College through their clerk, assuring them of the Synod's deep interest in the work of the college, as is evidenced by the number of its sons that receive their education within its halls, and the large amount of the Synod's money which finds its way into the college treasury; and at the same time to inquire as to their desire concerning the annual sending by the Synod of official visitors to the college, as the Synod is anxious only to comply with the wishes of the Trustees in this matter.

The following action in reference to missionary boxes was taken:

Whereas, Some of the missionaries in our State are as needy as any in our country, and some of the missionary societies within our bounds are accustomed to prepare boxes for some of our ministers; and whereas those within our State can receive such aid only from our own churches; and whereas churches contributing such boxes can receive the same credit from

the Women's Board of Missions as if sending to missionaries in any part of the country,

Resolved, That the attention of the women of our churches be called to such work within our State, and that it be heartily commended to their care.

The desire of any church to extend such aid to any missionary family may be expressed to the Synodical Superintendent, who will see that the need of some such family is brought to the notice of the church making the application.

The Committee on Finance presented its report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

1. As to the Resolution from the Presbytery of Columbia, we recommend that no action be taken, as the apportionment fixed by the Standing Rule will be sufficient, in the judgment of the Treasurer, for the expenses of the next fiscal year.

2. We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of Synodical Missions, find the same correct, and recommend the approval of his report.

3. The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod has also been submitted. We recommend the acceptance of the report, and its reference to an Auditing Committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod of New York heartily commends the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY to the continued care and confidence of its Churches, and asks from all its congregations prayers and gifts for the Bible cause.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance presented the following report which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

Attention is called to the action of the General Assembly appointing the last Lord's Day in October, to be observed as Temperance Sabbath; and the request of the Assembly that the Churches make annual contributions in aid of the work under the care of the Assembly's Permanent Committee. It is recommended:

That Committees of Arrangements be requested to provide, at the meetings of the Synod, for the consideration of Temperance.

The Moderator was authorized to fill, when desirable, any vacancies that may occur in Committees between the meetings of the Synod, and also to announce, after the adjournment, any Committees provided for but not previously appointed.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries, and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The thanks of the Synod were presented to the Moderator for his efficiency and courtesy in the discharge of his duties.

The Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn, of Peking, China, was introduced to the Synod, and welcomed by a rising vote.

The Committee on Forms of Worship, increased to fifteen, was designated as follows:

Ministers—David G. Wylie, T. Ralston Smith, Richard D. Harlan, Newton L. Reed, Samuel T. Clarke, Samuel W. Pratt, Wallace B. Lucas, Peter R. Ross, A. Cameron MacKenzie, George B. Stewart, L. Mason Clarke, William W. Weller, William F. Whitaker, William P. Swartz, Hector Hall.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had been permitted to withdraw before the close of the sessions, and the report was accepted:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—John J. Lawrence, Arthur M. Smith Elder—Edgar C. Leonard.

Binghamton: Ministers—Peter R. Ross, Selden L. Haynes; Elder—Eugene West.

Brooklyn: Ministers—John P. Dawson, Robert H. Carson, Harvey S. Murdoch, Samuel G. Palmer; Elder—William McCarroll.

Buffalo: Ministers—Henry Ward, Edwin H. Dickinson, John D. Campbell, John A. Black; Elders—Charles S. Cadwallader, Horace Briggs, Henry Lapp.

Cayuga: Elder—James G. Hamilton.

Chemung: Minister—John Knox; Elder—John C. Fisher.

Genesee: Ministers—John M. Boggs, William S. Crane; Elder—Harwood A. Dudley.

Geneva: Elders—Herman A. Carmer, James M. Garrison.

Long Island: Elder—George H. Howard.

Lyons: Elder—Crain A. Moore.

Nassau: Minister—Samuel H. Seem.

New York: Ministers—Daniel S. Gregory, C. Cuthbert Hall, Henry M. Tyndall, J. Balcom Shaw; Elders—Henry W. Jessup, John H. MacDonald.

Niagara: Elder—Augustus J. Hathaway.

North Laos: Minister—Claire H. Denman.

North River: Elder—Henry V. D. Reed.

Otsego: Elder—Richard H. Suttle.

Rochester: Ministers—John McColl, Peter Lindsay, Gerard B. F. Hallock, George C. Frost.

St. Lawrence: Ministers—William H. Niles, W. Courtland Robinson.

Syracuse: Elder—D. Burr Giddings.

Troy: Ministers—Donald MacGregor, George Fairlee; Elder—Henry Aird.

Utica: Elder—Seth K. Blair.

Westchester: Ministers—Irving E. White, George R. Cutting; Elders—Sanford R. Knapp, Ralph E. Prime.

A Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of Rev. George T. Purves, D.D., *Chairman*, and the Chairmen of the several Presbyterial Committees.

The several Standing Committees were called, and having no further business to present, were discharged.

The following Minute was adopted unanimously:

The Synod of New York, in closing its harmonious and happy sessions in the First Church of Geneva, in its centennial year, records its cordial thanks to the Pastor, Elders and Trustees of the Church, to the Pastor, Elders and Trustees of the North Church, to the Organists and Choirs of the two Churches, to the Ladies of the First Church for the reception tendered to the Synod, and to all whose diligence in labor and Christian courtesy have promoted the comfort of the delegates, and assisted in the despatch of business.

It gratefully recognizes the gracious hospitality of the families of the First Church, and of all the other churches who have joined in the entertainment of members of the Synod. And it invokes upon them the abiding presence of the great Head of the Church.

Thanks are also extended to the Daily Press of Geneva for its reports of the proceedings, and to the railway companies for their courtesy in the reduction of fares.

[Suitable addresses were made at the Reception given by the Ladies of the First Church after the adjournment of the Synod.]

The roll was called and the following members were recorded as absent without the permission of the Synod:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—Edward J. Abbott, Charles McKenzie.

Binghamton: Minister—George D. Young; Elder—Aaron P. Storrs.

Boston: Minister—Charles J. Cameron.

Brooklyn: Ministers—Thomas W. Campbell, John G. Hehr.

Cayuga: Minister—William H. Hubbard.

Chemung: Minister—Hiram S. Bacon ; Elder—William E. Farr.

Genesee: Minister—James A. Anderson.

Geneva: Minister—Erwin C. Hull.

Lyons: Elder—Albert P. Bennett.

New York: Minister—P. Butler Thompkins.

Niagara: Ministers—Benjamin M. Nyce, Edwin D. Hardin.

Rochester: Minister — Harry H. Barstow ; Elders — John C. Houck, Hugh R. McNair, B. Kennedy Williams, William F. Parry.

Steuben: Elder—Walter J. Amsden.

Syracuse: Ministers—Allan D. Draper, Fountain R. Farrand, William L. Sawtelle ; Elders—J. Edward Davis, John T. Roberts.

Utica: Ministers—Charles S. Richardson, Arthur S. Hoyt, Charles S. Barrett ; Elder—Edward H. Wells.

Westchester: Minister—Oliver S. Dean ; Elder—Edward S. Folsom.

Elders James Yereance and Thomas Cochrane were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The Minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the North Church, Buffalo, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1901, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST :

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. The Presbytery of Albany consists of sixty-seven ministers and fifty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

December 12, 1899, Rev. William Henry Dodd, from the Presbytery of West Jersey;

April 17, 1900, Rev. George L. McClelland, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, Rev. Henry P. Hamilton, D. D., from the Presbytery of Geneva, and Rev. Mindo G. Vulcheff, from the New York Conference of the M. E. Church;

June 12, Rev. Jacob Klaasse, from the Presbytery of Saginaw, Rev. Henry W. Tolson, from the Presbytery of Buffalo, Rev. Robert C. Mitchell, from the Presbytery of Duluth, and Rev. Henry W. Maier, from the Presbytery of Geneva;

September 25, Rev. Laurell W. Demeritt, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. George K. Fraser, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Candidates licensed:

June 12, 1900, Walter M. Swann and Charles H. Mattison.

Licentiate received:

June 12, 1900, Joseph W. Miller, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 14, 1899, between Rev. Josiah Still and the Church at Jefferson;

November 28, between Rev. Willard P. Harmon and the Rockwells Falls Church;

March 1, 1900, between Rev. Frederick W. Johnson and the Kingsborough Ave. Church, Gloversville;

April 17, between Rev. James Gardner, D. D., and the 1st Church, Gloversville;

September 25, between Rev. Daniel J. Many, Jr., and the Hamilton Union Church, and also between Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf and the Church at Princetown.

Ordinations:

May 4, 1900, Harvey Clements;

June 12, Joseph W. Miller.

Installations:

January 5, 1900, Rev. Lansing Van Auken, M. D., over the First Church, Watervliet;
May 4, Rev. Harvey Clements, over the First Church, Gloversville;
May 1, Rev. Henry W. Hamilton, D. D., over the Church at West Milton;
May 15, Rev. William H. Dodd, over the Church at Stephentown;
June 12, Rev. Robert C. Mitchell, over the Rockwells Falls Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 14, 1899, Rev. Josiah Still, to the Presbytery of North River;
November 28, Rev. Willard P. Harmon, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
March 1, 1900, Rev. Frederick W. Johnson, D. D., to the West Jersey Presbytery;
June 12, Rev. James D. Dingwell, to the Essex North Congregational Association of Mass.; Rev. George L. McClelland, to the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock, to the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. John J. Willis, to the Presbytery of New Castle;
September 25, Rev. Daniel J. Many, Jr., to the Presbytery of Boston, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, to the Presbytery of Newton, and Rev. Edward C. Wiley, to the Classis of Saratoga.

Deceased:

November 26, 1899, at Beaman, Iowa, Rev. Charles H. Baldwin, D. D., aged 60 years.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of thirty-six ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received:

February 26, 1900, Rev. Selden Long Haynes, from the Presbytery of Utica;
April 17, Rev. Robert Clements, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery, and licensed:

April 17, 1900, George Christopher Kersten;
September 18, Wendell Prime Keeler.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 24, 1899, between Rev. Daniel Russell, Jr., and the Church of Hancock;
February 26, 1900, between Rev. John T. Stone and the Church of Cortland.

Installations:

March 20, 1900, Rev. Selden Long Haynes, over the Hancock Church;
April 18, Rev. Robert Clements, over the Cortland Church.

Ministers dismissed:

October 24, 1899, Rev. Daniel Russell, Jr., to the Presbytery of New York;
February 26, 1900, Rev. John T. Stone, to the Presbytery of Baltimore;

April 17, Rev. Arthur R. Teal, to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Dropped from the roll:

April 17, 1900, candidate Leon S. Lacy.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON consists of fifty-nine ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1900, Rev. William E. Kimball, D. D., from Rock River Presbytery; Rev. Francis Carruthers, from Cayuga Presbytery; Rev. French McAfee, from Trinity Presbytery; Rev. William S. Wallace, from Cherokee Presbytery;

October 3, Rev. Daniel J. Many, Jr., from the Albany Presbytery; Rev. James Todd, D. D., from Lake Superior Presbytery.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 3, 1900, Guy L. Morrill, Daniel Matheson.

Candidates licensed:

April 18, 1900, William A. Morrison, Clare W. Nicol.

Licentiate received:

June 7, 1900, William J. McDonald, from Jersey City Presbytery.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 18, 1899, between Rev. William C. Lindsay, D.D., and Bedford Church, and between Rev. Emory A. Nelson and the church of Westminster, Manchester;

December 31, between Rev. Samuel B. Nelson, D. D., and the church of Woonsocket;

January 29, between Rev. Robert W. Peach and the First Church, Quincy;

March 31, between Rev. Christoph Bauer and the German Church, Manchester;

April 29, between Rev. Andrew J. Brucklacher and the Worcester Church.

Ordinations:

May 17, 1900, William A. Morrison;
June 7, William J. McDonald;
October 3, Clare W. Nicol.

Installations:

May 10, 1900, Rev. French McAfee, over the church in Portland;
May 16, Rev. William S. Wallace, over the South Ryegate Church;
May 17, Rev. William A. Morrison, over the Graniteville Church;
June 7, Rev. William J. McDonald, over the Hyde Park Church.

Church dissolved:

December 18, 1899, Brockton.

Minister deposed :

April 18, 1900, Rev. Theophilus McLeod.

Minister honorably retired :

October 3, 1900, Rev. Milton Waldo, D.D.

Ministers dismissed :

December 18, 1899, Rev. Alva R. Scott, Ph. D., to Omaha Presbytery ;
December 31, Rev. Samuel B. Nelson, D. D., to North River Presbytery ;
January 29, Rev. Robert W. Peach, to West Jersey Presbytery ;
March 31, Rev. Christoph Bauer, to Morris and Orange Presbytery ;
June 18, Rev. William E. Kimball, D. D., to St. Lawrence Presbytery ;
October 3, Rev. Andrew J. Brucklacher, to Brooklyn Presbytery.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN consists of seventy-four ministers and forty churches, and has under its care three licentiates and eleven candidates.

Ministers received :

December 4, 1899, Rev. Theodore M. Carlisle, from the New York Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rev. Seneca McNei Keeler, from the Presbytery of Binghamton, and Rev. Robert H. Carson, from the Presbytery of Troy ;
February 5, 1900, Rev. John Reid, D.D., from the Presbytery of Detroit, Rev. John P. Dawson, from the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Willard P. Harmon, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

December 4, 1899, Arthur H. Rennie ;
February 5, 1900, Willard J. Tompkins ;
April 16, Valdemar Moldenhower and Ernest W. Wood ;
October 1, Alfred L. Hallquest.

Candidates licensed :

April 17, 1900, Willard J. Tompkins, Samuel K. Piercy, Laurell W. Demeritt, Ernest W. Wood, Valdemar Moldenhower, and Arthur H. Rennie.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

July 2, 1900, between Rev. James N. Grace and the First Church, Woodhaven.

Ordinations :

May 23, 1900, Arthur H. Rennie and Edward L. Tibballs ;
June 8, Laurell W. Demeritt ;
June 20, William B. Frith ;
July 13, Henry C. Briggs.

Installation :

February 7, 1900, Rev. John Reid, D.D., over the Memorial Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 4, 1899, Rev. John Fox, D.D., to the Presbytery of New York;
February 5, 1900, Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, to the Old Colony Association of Congregational Churches, and Rev. George L. MacClelland, to the Presbytery of Albany;
April 16, Rev. Louis Nickse, to the Presbytery of White Water;
July 2, Rev. Laurell W. Demeritt, to the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. James N. Grace, to the Presbytery of Nassau;
October 1, Rev. James S. Brockinton, to the Manhattan Association of Congregational Churches;
October 8, Rev. S. McNeil Keeler, to the Presbytery of Columbia.

Licentiate transferred:

April 17, 1900, Ernest W. Wood, to the Presbytery of New York.

Deceased:

November 17, 1899, at Freeport, L. I., Rev. Robert D. Sproull, D.D., aged 62;
June 4, 1900, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Charles Wood, D.D., aged 81.

Churches enrolled:

July 5, 1900, Bensonhurst; Borough Park; and Home Crest.
October 1, Lefferts Park.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO consists of fifty-six ministers, and forty-seven churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Ministers received:

November 28, 1899, Rev. Charles R. Hamilton, from the Presbytery of Mahoning, and Rev. John A. Black, from the Presbytery of Lyons;
April 9, 1900, Rev. John W. Stitt, from the Presbytery of Genesee, and Rev. Alfred T. Vail from the Presbytery of Niagara;
September 18, Rev. George L. MacClelland from the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. George L. Lerch, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 18, 1900, Andrew J. Purdy.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 28, 1899, between Rev. George S. Swezey and the Church in Westfield;
December 29, between Rev. Albert W. Allen and the Church of the Covenant.

Installations:

November 28, 1899, Rev. Louis B. Crane over Calvary Church;
December 7, Rev. Charles R. Hamilton over the Kenmore Church;
December 19, Rev. John A. Black over the Walden Avenue Church;
May 17, 1900, Rev. Alfred T. Vail, over the Church of the Covenant.

Ministers dismissed:

November 28, 1899, Rev. George S. Swezey to the Presbytery of Mahoning;
December 29, Rev. Albert W. Allen to the Presbytery of Monroe;
February 5, 1900, Rev. Henry Elliott Mott to the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
April 9, Rev. George Runciman to the the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

Licentiate transferred:

April 10, 1900, William H. Hoole to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Deceased:

In Buffalo, August 3, 1900, Rev. Samuel L. Hamilton, in the fifty-third year of his age.

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA consists of thirty-nine Ministers and twenty-three Churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and two candidates.

Minister received:

September 25, 1900, Rev. Walter Mitchell from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

November 21, 1899, Willis P. Hume, Levon A. Tchorigian;
April 10, 1900, William E. Atchison, Edgar W. Van Hoesen, Wm. H. Spann;
May 7, Kenneth J. Mac Inness, Daniel A. Mac Leod. Also, Frederick S. Campbell from Union Presbytery, and Oliver P. Devin from the Presbytery of Maumee.

Licentiate received:

April 10, 1900, Robert L. Roberts from Waukesha Presbytery of the Calvinistic Methodist Church.

Candidates licensed:

November 21, 1899, Charles T. Shaw;
April 10, 1900, Myron J. Crocker, Willis P. Hume, Harry G. Romig, Levon A. Tchorigian, Edgar W. Van Hoesen, Wm. H. Spann;
May 7, Frederick S. Campbell, Oliver P. Devin.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

December 1, 1899, Between Rev. Alvin R. Pennell and the Church of Cato.

Ordinations:

May 7, 1900, Charles T. Riggs;
May 15, Orlando B. Pershing.

Installation:

May 15, 1900, Rev. Orlando B. Pershing over the Church of Cato.

Minister dismissed:

November 28, 1899, Rev. Alvin R. Pennell to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Licentiates and candidates transferred:

November 21, 1899, Licentiate Dikron H. Rejebian to the Congregational Association of Hartford, Ct.;

April 9, 1900, Licentiate Charles T. Shaw to the Presbytery of Lyons, and Candidate Wm A. Morrison to the Presbytery of Boston;

June 4, Licentiate Robert L. Roberts to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 28, Candidate Wm. E. Atchison to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Deceased:

January 4, 1900, at Auburn, Rev. Charles Anderson, aged 87 years.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN consists of twenty-five Ministers and twenty-six Churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Minister received:

September 18, 1900, Rev. Willis W. Mead, from the Cherokee Congregational Association.

Minister dismissed:

April 20, 1900, Rev. Arthur C. Dill, to the Presbytery of New York.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-three churches.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1900, Rev. Edward W. Abbey, from the Presbytery of Dayton; Rev. John H. Davies, from the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Thaddeus C. Henderson, from the Presbytery of Utica;

September 18, Rev. R. Lew Williams, from the Presbytery of Erie.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

April 17, 1900, between Rev. Allen F. De Camp and the Lake Street Church, Elmira.

Ministers dismissed:

October 21, 1899, Rev. Frederick L. Benedict, to the Presbytery of Cimarron, and Rev. Charles W. Rice to the Presbytery of Champlain;

April 16, 1900, Rev. Charles H. Kilmer, to the Presbytery of Troy;

April 17, Rev. John E. Nelson, to the Presbytery of Boisé, and Rev. Harry C. Schuler, to the Presbytery of Eastern Persia.

Installed:

May 8, 1900, Rev. Thaddeus C. Henderson, over the churches of Breesport and Sullivanville.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHILE consists of twelve ministers and nine churches, and has under its care three local evangelists and three candidates.

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA consists of eighteen ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care one local evangelist and one candidate.

Minister received:

April 11, 1900, Rev. Fenwick B. Fraser, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Licentiate received:

April 10, 1900, John Calvin French, Jr., from the Presbytery of Washington.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 11, 1900, between Rev. William S. Long and the church at Jewett;
June 18, between Rev. Edward Stratton and the church at Valatie.

Ministers dismissed:

June 4, 1900, Rev. George Bergen, to the Presbytery of Jersey City;
September 19, Rev. James Bain, to the Presbytery of New York.

Ordination and Installation:

April 19, 1900, John Calvin French, Jr., as pastor of the church at Cairo.

Minister deposed:

April 10, 1900, Rev. Henry Boggis.

Church transferred:

April 10, 1900, Ancram Lead Mines to the Presbytery of North River, pursuant to action of the Synod.

Honorably retired:

April 10, 1900, Rev. Rufus King and Rev. Archibald M. Shaw;
June 18, Rev. Edward Stratton.

XI. THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA consists of ten ministers and four churches.

XII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty churches.

Ministers received:

April 11, 1900, Rev. John M. Boggs, D.D., from the Presbytery of Fort Wayne;
September 25, Rev. Fred C. Suits, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Licentiates received:

September 25, 1900, Charles R. Wilson, from the Presbytery of Syracuse, and S. Carlton Haight, from the Presbytery of New York.

Ordinations:

September 25, 1900, Charles R. Wilson, as an Evangelist;
October 23, S. Carlton Haight.

Installations:

April 11, 1900, Rev. Seth Cook, over the Church at Le Roy;
October 23, Rev. S. Carlton Haight, over the Church at Oakfield.

Minister deposed:

October 23, 1900, Rev. William Hay, M. D.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 8, 1900, between Rev. Hiram W. Congdon and the Church at Wyoming;
September 25, between Rev. Leonard W. A. Luckey, Ph.D., and the Church at Castile.

Minister dismissed:

April 11, 1900, Rev. John W. Stitt, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Minister deceased:

April 6, 1900, at Wyoming, N, Y., Rev. Hiram W. Congdon, aged 58 years.

XIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Licentiate taken under care of the Presbytery:

September 26, 1900, Charles W. Hanson, from the Presbytery of Mankato.

Candidates received:

April 17, 1900, Edward G. W. Crist, from the Presbytery of Dayton;
September 25, Ray S. Hubbard.

Candidate licensed:

April 17, 1900, Edward G. W. Crist.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

April 17, 1900, between Rev. Henry W. Maier and the Church of Oaks Corners.

Ministers dismissed:

April 16, 1900, Rev. Henry P. Hamilton, D.D., to the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. George L. Lerch, to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
June 11, Rev. Henry W. Maier, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate transferred:

June 11, 1900, Edward G. W. Crist, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

XIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON consists of fifty-one ministers and forty-four churches.

Ministers received :

April 16, 1900, Rev. Herbert Ford, from the Presbytery of New York ;
April 17, Rev. August Block, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;
September 16, Rev. James L. Harrington, from the Presbytery of Troy; and Rev. William M. Grant, from the Presbytery of Nebraska City.

Licentiate received :

September 16, 1900, Mr. Hugh Walker, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

August 6, 1900, between Rev. Henry F. Hamlin and the Congers First Church.

Ordinations :

October 3, 1900, John R. Wilkie ;
October 11, Hugh Walker.

Installations :

May 10, 1900, Rev. Herbert Ford, over the Church of Palisades ;
May 15, Rev. August Block, over the Church at Jeffersonville ;
October 3, Rev. John R. Wilkie, over the Church at Unionville ;
October 11, Rev. Hugh Walker, over the Church at Ridgebury.

Ministers dismissed :

April 16, 1900, Rev. William M. Covert, to the Presbytery of Solomon ;
August 6, Rev. Henry F. Hamlin, to the Classis of Poughkeepsie ;
September 15, Rev. Benjamin J. Morgan, Ph. D., to the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ministers deceased :

December 29, 1899, at Mt. Hope, N. Y., Rev. Luther Littell, in the 76th year of his age ;
June 29, 1900, at Jeffersonville, N. Y., Rev. August Block, in the 26th year of his age.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND consists of twenty ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Minister received :

November 16, 1899, Rev. Thomas H. Lackland, from the Presbytery of Northern Virginia.

Installation :

May 10, 1900, Rev. Thomas H. Lackland, over the Shinnecock Church.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

February 14, 1900, between the Rev. Frederick V. Frisbie and the Churches of South Haven and Bellport.

Ministers dismissed :

February 14, 1900, Rev. Frederick V. Frisbie, to the Presbytery of Rochester ;

May 18, Rev. James B. Freeman, to the Presbytery of Paris, Canada.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS consists of twenty ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

Ministers received :

April 18, 1900, Rev. John D. Warren, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Candidate received and licensed :

April 18, 1900, Leroy F. Ostrander.

Licentiate received :

April 18, 1900, Charles T. Shaw, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination :

June 8, 1900, Charles T. Shaw.

Installations :

November 1. 1899, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee, over the Churches of Wolcott Second and Victory.

June 8, 1900, Rev. Charles T. Shaw, over the Church of Williamson.

Dismissed :

November 1, 1899, Rev. John A. Black, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Deceased :

May 20, 1900, at Rose, N. Y., Rev. Samuel C. Garlick, in the 56th year of his age.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received :

December 19, 1899, Rev. Sidney H. Barrett, from the Tolland Association ;

April 9, 1900, Rev. Julius Symanski, from the Presbytery of Newark ;

October 1, Rev. James N. Grace, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

December 12, 1899, Guy E. Johnston.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

December 31, 1899, between Rev. Charles G. Matteson and the Roslyn Church.

Installations :

December 19, 1899, Rev. Sidney H. Barrett, over the Whitestone Church ;

April 24, 1900, Rev. Julius Symanski, over the German Church of Jamaica ;

October 17, Rev. James N. Grace, over the Roslyn Church.

Ministers dismissed :

April 10, 1900, Rev. Robert H. P. Miles, to the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids ; and Rev. Frank Voorhees, to the Suffolk Association.

Church organized :

January 7, 1900, the German Church of Jamaica.

XVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK consists of one hundred and seventy-one ministers and fifty-three churches, and has under its care nine licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received :

November 13, 1899, Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn ; Rev. Nathaniel McConaughy from the Presbytery of West Jersey, and Rev. Daniel Russell, Jr., from the Presbytery of Binghamton;

December 11, Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, from the Presbytery of Pueblo, and Rev. William Denman, D. D., from the Methodist Episcopal Church;

December 15, Rev. Albert Bruchlos, from the Maryland Classis of the (German) Reformed Church;

January 8, 1900, Rev. John Fox, D. D., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

February 12, Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock, D. D., from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and Rev. W. A. McKenzie, from the Congregational Church of Canada ;

March 12, Rev. W. D. Grant, from the South (Reformed) Classis of Bergen; Rev. James C. Hume, from the South (Reformed) Classis of Long Island; Rev. Walter Lowrie, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and Rev. J. H. Davies, from the Presbytery of Fort Worth (Southern Church) ;

May 14, Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., LL. D., from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Rev. Herbert S. Harris, from the Presbytery of Rochester ;

October 1, Rev. Arthur C. Dill, from the Presbytery of Champlain, and Rev. William Hart Dexter, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

May 14, 1900, William Raymond Jelliffe ;

June 11, Walter Jenkins Campbell.

Candidate transferred :

Vasclav H. E. Ziegler to the Presbytery of Omaha.

Candidates licensed :

April 9, 1900, Samuel Carleton Haight, George Irving Long, James Alexander McCague, Henry Sloane Coffin ;

May 14, William Raymond Jelliffe and Henry Seymour Brown.

Licentiate received :

May 14, 1900, Ernest W. Wood, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Local evangelist dismissed :

November 13, 1899, Charles Stelzle to the Presbytery of St. Louis.

Licentiates transferred :

January 15, 1900, Edward L. Hunt to the Presbytery of Washington City;

May 14, George Irving Long to the Presbytery of Newcastle ;

October 1, Henry Seymour Brown to the Presbytery of Newark, and James Alexander McCague to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

January 8, 1900, between Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D. and the Brick Church, and between the Rev. Samuel McComb, Ph. D., and the Rutgers Riverside Church ;

February 12, between the Rev. John E. Bushnell and the Madison Avenue Church ;

October 1, between Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., LL. D., and the Westminster Church, and between Rev. Stealy B. Rossiter, D. D., and the North Church.

Ordinations :

October 22, 1899, Albert Dale Gantz ;
May 2, 1900, William Bennett Bebb and Henry Sloane Coffin ;
May 16, Ernest W. Wood ;
June 3, James Oscar Boyd ;
June 7, William Raymond Jelliffe ;
June 11, Local Evangelist Joseph H. McInnis ; all as evangelists.

Installations :

November 26, 1899, Rev. Daniel Russell, Jr., over the Harlem Church ;
February 27, 1900, Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock, D. D., over the Brick Church;
May 22, Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., LL. D., over the Fifth Avenue Church.

Churches organized :

May 14, 1900, Williamsbridge First ;
June 10, University Heights ;
October 1, Bedford Park.

Honorably retired :

May 14, 1900, Rev. Isaac G. Ogden.

Permitted to withdraw at his own request :

April 9, 1900, Rev. Arthur C. McGiffert, Ph. D., D. D.

Ministers dismissed :

November 13, 1899, Rev. Theodore W. Harris, to Central Association of

Congregational Ministers of the State of New York, and Rev. Francis Pokorny, to the Presbytery of Minneapolis ;

January 8, 1900, Rev. John P. Dawson, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;

March 12, Rev. J. H. Davies to the Presbytery of Binghamton ; Rev. Herbert Ford, to the Presbytery of Hudson, and Rev. George H. Wallace, to the Presbytery of North River ;

October 1, Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D., to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Deceased :

May 31, 1900, at Newark, N. J., Rev. John C. Lowrie, D. D., LL. D., aged 91 years, 5 months and 15 days.

XIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

March 2, 1900, Rev. Luther Boutelle Plumer, from the Baptist Church;

April 16, Rev. S. Dwight Waterbury, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and Rev. Daniel H. Rohrabaugh, from the Presbytery of Corning ;

October 10, Rev. Henry F. Ellinwood, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

October 23, 1899, between Rev. Nelson B. Chester and the Church at Youngstown ;

March 2, 1900, between Rev. Alfred T. Vail and the Church at Medina.

Ministers dismissed :

October 23, 1899, Rev. Nelson B. Chester, to the Presbytery of Newark ;

April 12, 1900, Rev. Alfred T. Vail, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

XX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS consists of twenty-four ministers and seventeen churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

XXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER consists of forty-nine ministers, and thirty-one churches, and has two local evangelists and one candidate under its care.

Ministers received :

February 12, 1900, Rev. Samuel Banks Nelson, D. D., from the Presbytery of Boston ;

April 15, Rev. George H. Wallace, from the Presbytery of New York ;

April 16, Rev. Emory A. Nelson, from the Presbytery of Boston ; Rev. George W. Newman, from the Presbytery of Syracuse ; Rev. Lewis W. Barney, from the New London Association of Congregational Ministers;

June 14, Rev. William Coombs, from the (Reformed) Classis of Kingston.

Candidates licensed :

April 16, 1900, Arthur C. Wyckoff, and Le Roy C. Cooley, Jr., and William Ashton, as a Local Evangelist ;

October 2, Charles B. Shaeffer, as a Local Evangelist.

Licentiate dismissed :

October 1, 1900, Arthur C. Wyckoff, to the Presbytery of Columbia.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

April 16, 1900, between Rev. George D. Egbert and the Canterbury Church.

Ordination :

September 24, 1900, Le Roy C. Cooley, Jr., as an Evangelist.

Installations ;

February 26, 1900, Rev. Samuel B. Nelson, D. D., over the Rondout Church ;

May 1, Rev. Lewis W. Barney, over the Kingston Church ;

May 23, Rev. George W. Newman, over the Church at Ancram Lead Mines ;

June 14, Rev. William Coombs, over the Marlborough Church.

Church received :

April 16, 1900, Ancram Lead Mines, from the Presbytery of Columbia, pursuant to action of the Synod.

Ministers dismissed :

April 16, 1900, Rev. George D. Egbert, to the Fairfield Co. Association of Congregational Ministers ; and Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, D. D., to the Presbytery of Westchester ;

May 23, Rev. William W. Belden, D. D., to the Presbytery of Westchester ; and Rev. William B. Darrach, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North.

XXII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty eight churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received :

September 27, 1899, Rev. James C. Russell, D. D., from the Presbytery of West Jersey ;

April 25, 1900, Rev. John Burkhardt, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidates licensed :

April 25, 1900, George C. Noetling, Frank B. Cowan, and Oscar E. Shaffer as a Local Evangelist for one year.

Licentiates received :

April 25, 1900, George J. Searles ;

September 26, J. Valdemar Moldenhower.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

October 4, 1899, Between Rev. Daniel I. Morrison, and the Church of East Meredith ;

January 26, 1900, Between Rev. Nicholas S. Becker, and the Church of Otego ;

September 26, Between Rev. John P. Crane, and the Church of Middlefield Center.

Ordinations :

May 16, 1900, Frank B. Cowan ;

June 7, George J. Searles ;

June 11, George C. Noetling.

Installations :

October 10, 1899, Rev. James C. Russell, D. D., over the Church of Oneonta ;

June 7, 1900, Rev. George J. Searles, over the Church of East Meredith;

June 11, Rev. George C. Noetling, over the Church of Buel ;

July 10, Rev. John Burkhardt, over the Church of Otego.

Ministers dismissed :

October 25, 1899, Rev. Daniel I. Morrison, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;

April 25, 1900, Rev Edward L. Chichester, to the Presbytery of Westchester;

September 26, Rev. John P. Crane, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna ; and Rev. Nestor Light, to the Tolland Co., Conn., Association of Congregational Ministers.

XXIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER consists of seventy-three ministers and forty-seven churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

October 28, 1899, Rev. Frederick E. Andrews, from the Presbytery of Washington City ;

December 11, Rev. Samuel Wilson Steele, from the Presbytery of Fort Dodge, and Rev. Frederick A. Hamilton, from the Presbytery of Muncie ;

April 10, 1900, Rev. Frederick V. Frisbie, from the Presbytery of Long Island; Rev. Frank P. Gilman, from the Presbytery of Canton ; and Rev. Seymour C. Ferris, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

September 25, Rev. Joseph Vitale, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

May 7, 1900, Francis Treadway Clayton, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Licentiates received :

April 10, 1900, Alfred J. Funnell, from the Central New York Conference ;

May 7, Robert Wells Veach, from the Presbytery of Shenango.

Candidates licensed :

April 10, 1900, Herbert S. Harris ;
May 7, Francis Treadway Clayton.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 11, 1899, between Rev. James M. McElhinney and the Church of Rochester, Mt. Hor ; between Rev. William A. Hallock and the Church of Groveland ; and between Rev. William W. Ketcham and the Church of Honeoye Falls ;
March 12, 1900, between Rev. Charles P. Coit, D.D., and the Memorial Church, Rochester ;
September 25, between Rev. Henry F. Ellinwood and the Church of Victor.

Ordinations :

April 10, 1900, Charles F. Kittredge and Herbert S. Harris ;
May 8, Alfred J. Funnell ;
May 10, Francis Treadway Clayton ;
June 21, Robert Wells Veach.

Installations :

December 19, 1899, Rev. Samuel W. Steele, over the Central Church of Avon ;
May 8, 1900, Rev. Alfred J. Funnell, over the Church of Honeoye Falls ;
May 17, Rev. Frederick V. Frisbie, over the Church of Webster ;
May 24, Rev. Seymour C. Ferris, over the Church of Ogden ;
May 3, Rev. John B. White, over the Church of Groveland ;
June 7, Rev. John H. Williams, over the Church of Nunda ;
June 21, Rev. Robert Wells Veach, over the Mt. Hor Church, Rochester.

Ministers dismissed :

April 9, 1900, Rev. Charles G. Sewall, to the Presbytery of Utica ;
April 10, Rev. Horace P. V. Bogue, D.D., to the Presbytery of Box Butte ; Rev. Herbert H. Harris, to the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Charles F. Kittredge, to the Presbytery of Utica;
September 24, Rev. Amos T. Harrington, to the Western Congregational Association of the State of New York ; Rev. Daniel M. Countermine, to the Presbytery of Troy, and Rev. Henry F. Ellinwood, to the Presbytery of Niagara.

Licentiates dismissed :

May 7, 1900, George J. Searles, to the Presbytery of Otsego ;
September 18, George L. Engler, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

XXIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE consists of forty ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received :

April 10, 1900, Rev. J. Van Kirk Wells, Jr., from the Presbytery of Cayuga ;

May 24, Rev. William Lloyd Roberts, from the Presbytery of Minneapolis ;

June 26, Rev. Matthew S. Killough, from the Reformed Presbytery of New York and Vermont ;

September 25, Rev. J. B. Cody, from the Presbytery of Troy, and Rev. William E. Kimball, D. D., from the Presbytery of Boston.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

May 24, 1900, between Rev. Ward C. Peabody and the Church at Brownville ;

June 13, between Rev. Jacob V. Shurts, D.D., and the Church at Carthage ;

September 25, between Rev. C. Otis Thatcher and the Church at Morristown.

Ordination :

April 16, 1900, Licentiate William H. Hoole.

Installations :

June 13, 1900, Rev. J. Van Kirk Wells, Jr., over the Church at Dexter ;
June 26, Rev. Matthew S. Killough, over the Church at Ox Bow.

Licentiates received :

April 10, 1900, William H. Hoole, from the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
September 29, George L. Engler, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Ministers dismissed :

April 10, 1900, Rev. Walter Mitchell, to the Presbytery of Cayuga ;
May 24, Rev. Ward C. Peabody, to the Presbytery of Utica.

Church enrolled :

April 9, 1900, DeGrasse, N. Y.

Deceased :

January 8, 1900, at Rice's, near Watertown, N. Y., Rev. William Graves, aged 78.

XXV. THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM consists of eleven ministers and nine churches, and has under its care one local evangelist.

XXVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 17, 1900, Rev. Edward S. Claflin, from the Presbytery of Cleveland;

September 18, Rev. Thomas F. Archibald, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidates licensed :

April 17, 1900, Hoffman T. Baumgarten and Clarence E. Woodward ;
September 18, Alfred Roy Ehman.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

October 24, 1899, between Rev. Edgar P. Salmon and the Campbell Church ;
March 26, 1900, between Rev. Robert Clements and the Cuba Church.

Ordinations :

June 26, 1900, Edward G. W. Crist ;
September 18, Alfred Roy Ehman, as an evangelist.

Installations :

November 21, 1899, Rev. David Craft, D. D., over the Angelica Church;
April, 26, 1900, Rev. Edward S. Claflin, over the Belmont Church ;
September 18, Rev. Thomas F. Archibald, over the Cuba Church.

Ministers dismissed :

October 24, 1899, Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, to the Presbytery of Wellsboro ;
March 26, 1900, Rev. Robert Clements, to the Presbytery of Binghamton ;
September 18, Rev. William A. Reid, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Hamilton, Kirk of Scotland.

XXVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE consists of thirty-nine ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care four licentiates and two candidates.

Minister received :

November 6, 1899, Rev. Daniel I. Morrison, from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

December 4, 1899, Charles Reid Wilson ;
April 9, 1900, Robert S. Wightman and Joseph Walter Miller.

Candidates licensed :

April 9, 1900, Robert S. Wightman, Joseph Walter Miller, Cuthbert Charles Frost, Charles Reid Wilson and George Wales King.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

April 9, 1900, between Rev. Grenville P. Sewall and the East Genesee Church, Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed :

April 9, 1900, Rev. William H. Mason to the Presbytery of Austin ; Rev. George W. Newman to the Presbytery of North River ; Rev. Fenwick

B. Fraser to the Presbytery of Columbia; Rev. Seymour C. Ferris to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. John Burkhardt to the Presbytery of Otsego;

May 7, Rev. J. Delmar Murphy, to the Presbytery of Palmyra;

June 2, Rev. Richard N. Toms, to the Classis of Ulster;

September 18, Rev. Frederick C. Suits, to the Presbytery of Genesee.

Licentiates transferred:

April 9, 1900, Cuthbert Charles Frost, to the Presbytery of Utica;

May 7, Charles R. Wilson, to the Presbytery of Genesee;

June 4, Joseph W. Miller, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Deceased:

June 3, 1900, at Syracuse, Rev. Daniel I. Morrison.

XXVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY consists of forty-three ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates, two local evangelists and four candidates.

Ministers received:

October 20, 1899, Rev. William Parker, from the Presbytery of Spokane;

April 17, 1900, Rev. Charles H. Kilmer, from the Presbytery of Chemung;

April 23, Rev. Hugh B. McCrone, from the Presbytery of West Jersey;

September 17, Rev. Lester M. Conrow, from the Presbytery of Monmouth;

October 10, Rev. Daniel M. Countermine, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

October 20, 1899, John S. Laing.

Candidate licensed:

April 17, 1900, Clarence W. Dunham.

Local evangelists licensed:

April 17, 1900, Dr. Charles A. Ingraham (renewal);

October 10, John S. Laing.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 15, 1899, between Rev. Robert H. Carson and the Schoonmaker Memorial Church, Stillwater;

January 25, 1900, between Rev. George T. Berry and the Second Street Church, Troy;

April 23, between Rev. James L. Harrington and the Church of Middle Granville.

Installations:

May 2, 1900, Rev. Hugh B. McCrone, over the Schoonmaker Memorial Church, Stillwater;

June 12, Rev. Charles H. Kilmer, over the Church of Brunswick;

October 10, Rev. Daniel M. Countermine, over the Olivet Church, Lansingburgh.

Ministers dismissed:

November 6, 1899, Rev. Albert W. Dickens, to the Addison County Congregational Association, Vermont;
November 15, Rev. Robert H. Carson, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
April 23, 1900, Rev. James L. Harrington, to the Presbytery of Hudson;
September 17, Rev. James B. Cody, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Name dropped:

April 17, 1900, Rev. George H. Cleveland, who has joined the Episcopal Church.

Church reorganized:

January 25, 1900, East Lake George.

XXIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA consists of sixty Ministers and forty-four Churches, and has under its care one licentiate and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1900, Rev. George B. Van Dyke from the Presbytery of West Jersey;
May 3, Rev. Charles F. Kittredge and Rev. Charles G. Sewall, from the Presbytery of Rochester;
July 31, Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock, from the Presbytery of Albany and Rev. Ward C. Peabody, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

September 18, 1900, Arthur J. Dean;
October 3. Paul R. Abbott.

Candidate licensed:

May 7, 1900, Robert G. McGregor.

Licentiate received:

April 10, 1900, Cuthbert C. Frost, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Pastoral relations dissolved;

October 31, 1899, between Rev. Stanley B. Roberts and Bethany Church, Utica;
December 28, between Rev. John D. Warren and the Church at Knoxboro;
July 31, 1900, between Rev. Frank W. West and the Church at Verona.

Ordinations:

November 9, 1899, Selden L. Haynes;
May 7, 1900, Robert G. McGregor;
May 29, Cuthbert C. Frost.

Installations:

May 3, 1900, Rev. Charles G. Sewall over the Church in Rome;
May 8, Rev. George B. Van Dyke over the Church in Lowville;
May 29, Rev. Cuthbert C. Frost over the Church in Sauquoit;
July 31, Rev. Charles F. Kittredge over the Church in Knoxboro;
August 15, Rev. Ward C. Peabody over the Church in Augusta;
October 3, Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock over Bethany Church, Utica.

Ministers dismissed:

October 31, 1899, Rev. Stanley B. Roberts, to the Presbytery of Minneapolis;
December 28, Rev. John D. Warren, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
February 19, 1900, Rev. Selden L. Haynes, to the Presbytery of Binghamton, and Rev. Thaddeus C. Henderson, to the Presbytery of Chemung;
September 18, Rev. George K. Fraser, to the Presbytery of Albany.

XXX. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER consists of seventy-four Ministers and forty Churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received:

January 16, 1900, Rev. Alvin R. Pennell, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
April 17, Rev. Arthur R. Teal from the Presbytery of Binghamton;
May 6, Rev. Edward Bryan from the Presbytery of Milwaukee;
October 1, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, D.D., and Rev. William W. Belden, D.D., from the Presbytery of North River;
October 2, Rev. Robert T. Graham, from the Presbytery of Omaha, and Rev. Benjamin T. Marshall, from the Congregational Church.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 17, 1900, William Crawford.

Candidates licensed:

April 17, 1900, Everard W. Snow, Elliot Field, and John H. W. Cooper.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 1, 1900, between Rev. Joshua J. Wolf and the Mahopac Falls Church;
January 16, between Rev. Will A. Babbitt and the Katonah Church;
May 15, between Rev. Frank F. Blessing and the Scarborough Church.

Ordinations:

October 24, 1899, Nathan F. Van Horson;
April 17, 1900, John M. Trout.

Installations:

October 24, 1899, Rev. Nathan Van Horson over the Gilead Church;

January 17, 1900, Rev. Alvin R. Pennell over the First Church of Holyoke, Mass.;
May 6, Rev. Edward Bryan over the Harrison Church;
July 31, Rev. Arthur R. Teal over the Katonah Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 6, 1899, Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, to the Presbytery of Carlisle;
August 20, 1900, Rev. William Hart Dexter, to the Presbytery of New York;
October 1, Rev. John Alison, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
October 2, Rev. John T. Wills, D. D., to the Presbytery of Oakland.

Names dropped from the roll:

January 16, 1900, Rev. Theodore L. Van Norden;
October 1, Donald McIver, candidate.

Deceased:

February 7, 1900, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Chauncey D. Rice, aged 85 years;
July 5, at Albany, N. Y., Rev. Edward B. Allen, aged 73 years.

Church enrolled:

October 27, 1899, Harrison, N. Y.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,255	Licentiates	62
Churches	902	Candidates	79

II. ABSTRACT OF REPORT ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

[Not received in time for insertion in the Minutes.]

Amid peculiar difficulties and in the face of many dismal prophecies of failure, the Synod voted, in 1897, to follow the urgent suggestion of the Home Board that it take the entire charge of its own Home Missionary work, without assistance from the Board. The first year we raised over $14,000 for the State work; the second year, $18,019, a gain of nearly $4,000; while, in the year just closed, the churches have given $21,354, a gain of $3,325 over last year. There is also a slight increase of contributing churches. Last year 77 8-10 per cent. of the churches contributed; this year 81 6-10 per cent., a gain of 4 per cent. Of 593 churches, 100 failed to support this work. * * * *

Chemung is deserving of praise for having cut down the number of non-contributing churches from 10 last year to 3, while Columbia has cut down her delinquent list from 10 to 4. Long Island has done still better: from 9 contributing churches, she now has one, while Utica's 8 have also been reduced

to one. These two are the banner Presbyteries. Yet Albany and Lyons are a close second, with only two delinquent churches, while Chemung, Geneva, and Steuben have only three each. Which Presbytery will come up next year with not even one church that has neglected this work at our own doors?

We make honorable mention also of those Presbyteries that actually contributed more than was asked of them: Binghamton, Geneva, St. Lawrence, and Utica; while the following deserve commendation for having come near to the standard set for them by the Synod: Albany, Lyons, Steuben, and Troy.

The amount which each Presbytery is asked to raise has been carefully calculated, as required by Art. XII of the Plan, in accordance with "the financial ability of each Presbytery, as indicated by its total contributions for all purposes as reported to the General Assembly during the preceding five years." We are sure that in no instance have we set the figures above the ability of the Presbytery, provided only the Presbyterial Committee will press the paramount claims of this Home Missionary work in our own State upon every Pastor and Session. It is recommended:

1. That out of loyalty to the Board of Home Missions, at whose suggestion the work of Synodical Missions was undertaken, we call upon all our Presbyteries and Churches to redouble their diligence in behalf of this Home Mission work in our own State.

2. That the Synod, rejoicing in the increase both in the number of churches contributing and in the aggregate amount of the offerings, hereby expresses its confidence in the ultimate and thorough success of this effort on the part of New York to provide for its Home Mission work, and repeats its cordial approval of the essential principles of the Plan of Synodical Self-Support as adopted in 1897.

3. That the Executive Committee be given authority to add to its number two members-at-large, and that in so doing, it be at liberty to go outside of the Permanent Committee.

4. That the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Henry Aird, Treasurer, for his prompt and faithful discharge of the many and exacting duties of his office.

5. That the amount to be raised for Synodical Missions during the ensuing year be fixed at $31,870, and that the amounts to be raised by the respective Presbyteries be apportioned in accordance with the budget for 1900-01, submitted herewith.

6. That in the judgment of the Synod it is not in accordance with the Plan of Synodical Missions that contiguous parishes at present or recently served by one minister, should be separated, when by reason of such separation aid would be sought from this fund by either of them. Moreover, Presbyteries should endeavor to group, under one pastorate, neighboring churches which receive aid, especially when there seems to be no near prospect of their attaining self-support.

7. That Synod calls the attention of Presbyteries and Sessions to the following feature of the Plan: "Every church receiving aid shall, as far as

practicable, be served by a regularly installed pastor, * * and shall strive to the utmost of its power to become self-supporting."

8. That Synod calls upon the Presbyteries to see that the following injunction of the Plan be obeyed: "The Session of each Presbyterian church within the State of New York shall give the congregation an opportunity to contribute to the cause of Synodical Missions each year."

9. That, inasmuch as the committee is entirely dependent upon the gifts of the churches, and has no means of bridging over a portion of the year without funds, it is imperative that the offerings for this cause be taken soon after the meeting of Synod, and if possible before January first; or, where churches apportion their benevolent funds according to the recommendation of the Assembly, that a generous percentage be set aside for Synodical Missions.

10. That the attention of churches be called to the following instructions when sending their contributions: (a) That the name of the Presbytery as well as of the church be distinctly given. (b) That the word TREASURER be added to that officer's name on the cheques.

11. That Synod adopt a standing order appointing Synodical Missions the first business for the afternoon session of Wednesday.

Let us lift high our banner, and inscribe upon it three rules as setting the standard for the Empire State: 1. The full quota asked for from each Presbytery; 2. No delinquent churches, and as much as possible from each church; 3. Something from every household in the congregation.

III. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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Term Expiring in 1902.

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Hubert C. Mandeville,
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Term Expiring in 1903.

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Mrs. Howard Elmer,
William S. Truman,
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Arthur Clinton,
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Term Expiring in 1902.—Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Rev. Peter R. Ross, D. D , Ezra J. Peck, LL.D.

Term Expiring in 1903.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D. D.

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CHILE: Rev. Francisco Diez, Santiago.

EASTERN PERSIA: Rev. Lewis F. Esselstyn, Teheran.

NORTH LAOS: Rev. Wm. Harris, Jr., Cheung Mai.

SIAM: Rev. John B. Dunlap, Bangkok.

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Term Expiring in 1901: Rev. George Alexander, D.D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., James Yereance, Charles Henderson.

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VII. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	HENRY A. NELSON, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	HOWARD CROSBY, D.D	New York	Utica
1883.	JAMES MCLEOD, D.D	Buffalo	New York
1884.	JOHN MCC. HOLMES, D.D	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	L. MERRILL MILLER, D.D	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	JOSEPH E. NASSAU, D.D	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	CHARLES C. WALLACE, D.D	Boston	Auburn
1888.	T. RALSTON SMITH, D.D	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	SAMUEL JESSUP, D.D	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND, D.D	Albany	Lockport
1891.	ASA S. FISKE, D.D	Cayuga	Watertown
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1893.	JAMES GARDNER, D.D	Albany	Rochester
1894.	GEORGE C. YEISLEY, D.D	Columbia	New York
1895.	HOWARD DUFFIELD, D.D	New York	Binghamton
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1897.	JOSEPH GAMBLE, D.D	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. CAMERON MACKENZIE, D.D	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	JAMES H. ROBINSON, D.D	Otsego	Troy
1900.	DAVID G. WYLIE, D.D	New York	Geneva

VIII. STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER.

For the Year Ending October 16, 1900.

DR.		CR.	
To		*By*	
Salaries of Temporary Clerks	$40 00	Balance from Old Account..	$1,115 45
Rent of Office	225 00	Receipts from Presbyteries.	1,423 12
Printing Minutes and Blanks.	227 50		
Envelopes for Minutes	2 25		
Furniture	32 00		
Systematic Beneficence Committee	25 00		
Elmira Examiners	21 62		
Public Worship Committee..	25 00		
Storage	30 00		
Permanent Clerk	151 25		
Trunk Line Agent	11 00		
Salary of Stated Clerk	400 00		
Mailing Minutes, Postage, Stationery, and Incidental.	124 32		
Balance to New Account....	1,213 63		
	$2538 57		$2,538 57

IX. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. SYNODICAL MISSIONS: Albert P. Stevens, *Chairman*, Albany; Henry Aird, *Treasurer*, Troy; Rev. Richard D. Harlan, *Secretary of Executive Committee*, Rochester.

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